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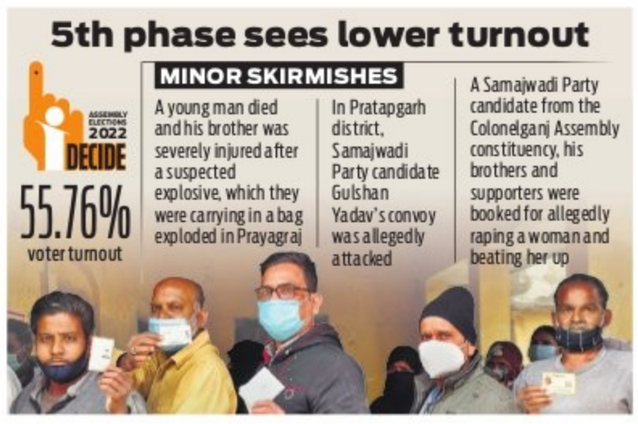
5th phase sees lower turnout
ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 2022
DECIDE
55.76%
voter turnout
MINOR SKIRMISHES
A young man died and his brother was severely injured after a suspected explosive, which they were carrying in a bag exploded in Prayagraj
In Pratapgarh district, Samajwadi Party candidate Gulshan Yadav's convoy was allegedly attacked
A Samajwadi Party candidate from the Colonelganj Assembly constituency, his brothers and supporters were booked for allegedly raping a woman and beating her up

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A Russian armoured personnel carrier burning near the body of an unidentified soldier in Ukraine's Kharkiv on Sunday | AFP

Diplomacy amid N-sabre rattling, fierce fightback

Ukraine, Russia to hold talks today; Kharkiv sees intense street fighting

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

AS Russia's aggressive invasion of Ukraine entered the fourth day, the first window for a diplomatic resolution to the crisis opened with Kyiv agreeing to hold talks with Moscow. The development came after Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Belarus leader Alexander Lukashenko held a telephonic conversation. Earlier, Zelenskyy had refused to meet the Russian delegation in Belarus, citing the country's close relations with Russia.

The talks will now happen at the Ukraine-Belarus border near the Chernobyl exclusion zone. A Russian delegation is already at the Belarusian city of Gomel, near Ukraine's border. Zelenskyy's office said the two delegations will meet 'without preconditions' near the Pripyat River, to the north of Chernobyl. That Russia wants to talk without any pre-conditions or any ultimatums in itself is a victory for Ukraine, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said in a televised address. The peace talks are scheduled to take place on Monday.

News of peace talks broke on a day when an angry Russian president Vladimir Putin dramatically escalated tensions by ordering his nuclear forces to be put on high alert. According to media reports, he was aghast by the gritty resistance of the Ukranian forces and the aggressive statements and actions by leading NATO powers. He was hoping Kyiv would fall in a matter of hours but the fight now seems to be taking days to end. With sanctions kicking in from all fronts, the war is becoming more and more expensive for Russia. According to experts, a combination of these unfavourable factors has forced Putin to push for talks.

Putin's N-move immediately drew furious reactions from the West. "This is dangerous rhetoric. This is a behavior which is irresponsible," CNN quoted NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg as saying. "It means that President Putin is continuing to escalate this war in a manner that is totally unacceptable," the US ambassador to UN said.

Ukranian forces, which continued to stave off Russian invaders in Kyiv on Sunday, regained full control of the country's second-largest city, Kharkiv, after intense street fighting. "Kharkiv is fully under our control," the head of the regional administration, Oleg Sinegubov, said. He also claimed "demoralized" and "exhausted" Russian soldiers were abandoning their vehicles and surrendering to Ukrainian forces. P9

PM Modi chairs emergency meeting

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a high-level meeting on the Ukraine crisis on Sunday, official sources said. The prime minister asserted that ensuring the safety of Indian students and evacuating them is the government's top priority

490 more Indians reach home safely

Two Air India flights — one from Romanian capital Bucharest and another from Hungary's Budapest — carrying 490 Indian nationals stranded in Ukraine, reached Delhi airport on Sunday | P8

Germany increases defence spending

German government said on Sunday it is committing 100 billion euros to a special fund for its armed forces, raising its defence spending above 2% of GDP. "It's clear we need to invest significantly more in the security of our country," Chancellor Olaf Scholz said

30 Karnataka students return, 367 still stranded

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

SEVENTEEN of the 30 students from Karnataka, who have been safely evacuated from Ukraine, arrived at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru on Sunday to witness emotional scenes among much-relieved families, relatives and friends.

The arriving students were flown in to Bengaluru under 'Operation Ganga', the mission to evacuate Indians from the war-torn country by flights by the Ministry of External Affairs through the Indian embassy in Ukraine.

While 12 students flew in from Mumbai at 8.40 am — to be welcomed by Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Coal & Mines Pralhad Joshi, state Revenue Minister R Ashoka and Nodal Officer and Commissioner of Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA), Manoj Rajan — five others flew in from New Delhi at 8.25 pm. Another 13 students were to be flown from New Delhi and expected to land at KIA at 1.25 am on Monday. P4

The first batch of 17 students from Karnataka, who were stranded in Ukraine, landed at the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru on Sunday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Russian banks to be cut off from SWIFT

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE US, the European Union and other Western allies on Sunday stepped up their punitive measures against Russia, by deciding to throw out select Russian banks from the SWIFT messaging system and launch a joint task force to hunt down assets of sanctioned Russian companies and oligarchs.

Belgium-based Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) links around 11,000 banks and institutions in more than 200 countries, functioning as an important cog in the machinery of international finance.

Dubbed as one of the most disruptive sanctions, getting cut off from SWIFT could cripple Russian banks and practically make them unable to make or receive payments with foreign financial institutions for trade transactions.

However, expelling such a major country — Russia is the second largest after the US in terms of number of users — comes with its own complications. For one, Russia has its own domestic financial infrastructure, including the SPFS system for bank transfers and the Mir system for card payments. Also, Moscow is likely to develop an alternative transfer system.

Meanwhile, Finland, Denmark and the EU joined Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany and Poland in closing airspaces to Russian planes.

Online school first to use advanced tech

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

A completely online Bengaluru-based school is the first to announce integration of web3.0 technology to help encourage students to be more creative.

21K School, headquartered in Bengaluru, has around 3,000 students from 35 countries. From the next academic year, the school will introduce metaverse and blockchain technologies, like Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs), as ways to help students learn and create. "Whenever someone creates, be it music, art, podcasts or apps, it's a big deal for us and we want to encourage this," said Santosh Kumar, school CEO and co-founder. P2

EXPRESS READ

Roadshows to be held soon for GIM

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Industries Department is making preparations for the Global Investors' Meet, planned for November this year. It will soon start roadshows in several cities in the country and also in other countries. P4

NATIONWIDE	FEB 26	FEB 27
Fresh cases	11,499	10,273
Recoveries	23,598	20,439
Deaths	255	243

KARNATAKA	FEB 26	FEB 27
Fresh cases	514	366
Recoveries	1,073	801
Deaths	19	17

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• **Monday:** 28/02/2022 • **Year:** Plava • **Ayana:** Uttharayana
• **Ritu:** Sishira • **Masa:** Magha • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Thrayodasi 2.17 am
• **Nakshatra:** Shravana 4.37 am • Moon in Kumbha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am
• **Gulikakala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 16°C | MAX 31°C
FORECAST Morning clouds

Sunrise 6.36 am
Sunset 6.28 pm
Moonrise 4.37 am
Moonset 4.18 pm

No action yet on flats in buffer zone

NGT directed state environment body to form a joint committee following an application

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE state government is yet to act on the directions of the National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone, Chennai, to form a committee to inspect the site where a multi-storeyed building is under construction, allegedly without providing necessary lake buffer zone details.

Irked locals and environmentalists said that the delay is allowing the construction to continue, adding that the builder is advertising the property details on social media.

Based on an application filed by a Bengalurean, questioning the construction of the multi-stored apartment complex on survey numbers 36/1 and 39 of Haraluru village of Varthuru hobli, Bengaluru East taluk, the NGT directed the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority- Karnataka (SEIAA-K) to appoint a joint committee comprising deputy commissioner/ district collector, senior officers from SEIAA-K, senior officers from BBMP and Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) to inspect the area in question, submit a factual report and an action taken report.

The applicant stated that environmental clearance (EC) was obtained from SEIAA-K and building's approvals from Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), without providing necessary buffer zone details. The land in contention, as per the applicant, is adjacent to the tank on survey number 159.

NGT directed that the committee would ascertain EC violations, consent conditions in carrying out the project, and whether there is any water body. If it is mentioned in the revenue records, whether the project proponent had provided buffer zone from the water body, and if the buffer zone is encroached, and the originality of the water body is affected.

After the first NGT directions on November 25, 2011, the respondents sought time to file their replies during the second hearing on January 1, 2022. The NGT granted time on or before January 27, 2022, but replies are yet to be filed.

A SEIAA-K official told The New Indian Express that the said committee was not yet formed. "Communication has been made to the departments. We have received nomination from DC. We are yet to receive nominations from BBMP and KSPCB. Only then, the committee will be formed. Will speed up the process and inspect the site," the official said.

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CRAFT CORNER

The 10-day Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, organised by the Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation, kicked off in JP Nagar on Sunday. The event was inaugurated by Minister of Small Scale Industries MTB Nagaraj | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

'Data will help identify learning gaps in students'

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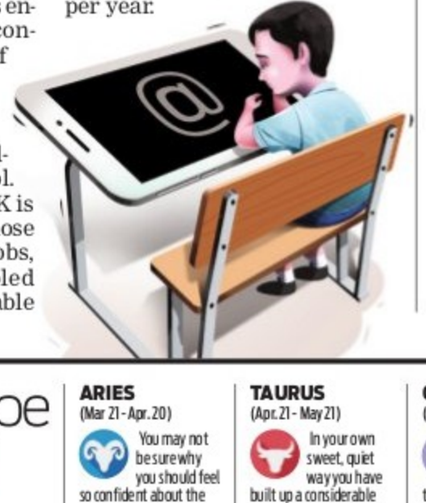
"We decided to convert kids' creative projects into NFTs, which they can access in the future. It will be a new experience for them as well," said Santosh Kumar. The use of a virtual reality environment will help make teaching and learning more fun and engaging for students, he added.

The school is ahead in terms of technology, being the first and only completely online school. Students are given a choice of studying British, American or Indian curricula, and are allowed to learn in their own time. "We make use of a data-driven instruction method and computational learning, where every student is monitored and teachers are given information on where they might be struggling. This helps in identifying and filling gaps in learning, so that a student is engaged and able to grasp concepts. We also make use of activity-based learning to help improve student engagement," said Yeshwanth Raj Parasmal, co-founder and director of the school.

The founders said that 21K is able to cater to children whose parents have transferable jobs, home-schooled and disabled children who might be unable to attend offline schools. "Where we lack compared to physical schools, we make up by allowing students to socialise not only outside their age group but also with children different countries. Classes last for four hours. We have one-hour periods and, overall, dedicate 30 minutes more per subject as compared to physical classes. This means less stress, full night's sleep to children," Parasmal told TNIE.

"The reason we wanted to create the school was to be able to provide good and affordable education to students, which we found difficult to do in an offline setting as passionate teachers are hard to come by. With the school," said Kumar. He mentioned that the lack of infrastructure meant that students have access to quality education at a fee of Rs 30,000 to Rs 40,000 per year.



SWR says won't axe trees at Malleswaram stn

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

Amidst rumours that three 150-year-old trees at Malleswaram railway station will be axed, former environmental secretary and ex-chief conservator of forests, Dr AN Yellappa Reddy, has suggested root surgery as a solution.

South Western Railway (SWR) authorities have denied any plan of cutting down the trees. "The trees will not be cut. There are concerns about overhanging branches interfering with the overhead line, and passengers being hit by branches. So, we're trimming the branches to resolve the issue," said Dr Krishna Reddy, PRO, Bengaluru division, SWR.

However, residents said that documents with the Karnataka Forest Department have surfaced which showed that permission for cutting trees were asked for, and granted to SWR. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) must also give its approval. A document from the forest department showed that the assistant divisional manager had sought permission for felling the trees as "the trees have overgrown and their roots are damaging the cement platform, creating a threat perception among passengers and railway personnel besides endangering the movement of trains."

There are fears that the roots are growing underneath the tracks which might impact the safety of trains and passengers.

Arvind Dwarakanath, a resident and Active Mobility Councillor for Malleswaram, said that the station is seldom used. "There has to be technology that can be used to resolve issues like these. If it weren't for the residents protesting, they would have simply commissioned someone to cut the trees," he told TNIE.

File picture of station

Reddy, chairman of the Bangalore Environment Trust, said, "Roots of raintrees do have a tendency to rise to the surface due to lack of water. However, it can be fixed by conducting root surgery which might be more labour-intensive."

Root surgery navigates and trims roots to prevent them from causing structural damage to their surroundings. "The procedure has been successfully done in Bengaluru earlier," he said.

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>
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Karunashraya opens OPD block

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With the growing need for palliative care education in India, the Bangalore Hospice Trust Karunashraya inaugurated the Karunashraya Institute for Palliative Care Education and Research (KIPCER) within its existing campus at Kundalahalli Gate, Varthur, Bengaluru.

Dr Pratima Murthy, director, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, was the chief guest. The institute has been set up in the newly-constructed Bagchi Education and Research Centre. A new OPD block has also been opened by the public charitable trust that renders free palliative care to advanced stage cancer patients. The two-storeyed building is spread over 18,983 sqft.

Aadhaar cards reunite 21 minor home inmates with their families

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IN a heartwarming turn of events, 21 minor boys residing in a government-run institution in Bengaluru are set to be reunited with their families in various states. The boys include a few who are mentally challenged and others who have speech and hearing impairment.

The catalyst was the Aadhaar card. An attempt to create identity cards for the inmates of Home for Boys, which houses orphans near Lakkasandra, resulted in the stunning discovery of their actual hometowns.

Of 26 boys who were taken to the Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK) at Majestic, the necessary details could not be captured for 21 of them, Ashok Lenin, Deputy Director of UIDAI told TNIE.

"Initially, those in charge of the home had brought one boy to our centre for his card. Our staffer, retired Wing Commander G Rajendran who tried to get his biometrics, realised the system was not accepting them as they had already been captured. A quick check of the database revealed the actual origin of the youngster, which no one knew earlier," he said. The ex-defence employee then urged the authorities of the home to bring all the boys, he added.

A majority of the boys are in the 15-16 age bracket. "Some had been living in the home for a few years and were unable to give their real home address, as they are mentally or physically challenged," Lenin said.

Data revealed that of the 21 boys, seven were from different parts of Karnataka, three from Bihar, two each from Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, and one each from Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal.

The boys from Karnataka are from Belagavi, Anekal, Devanahalli, Bengaluru, Chamarajpet and Ballari.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

28th February : This is a very important moment for people who use astrology as part of their religious or spiritual system. It's definitely time to look at the long-term and focus on any positive and constructive developments which can be achieved over the next few years.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You may not be sure why you should feel so confident about the future. Just appreciate the sense of growing optimism that is due to lift your spirits over the coming few days, under the Sun's intriguing relationship with Jupiter, planet of wisdom and wide open spaces.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
In your own sweet, quiet way you have built up a considerable fund of wisdom and experience over the years. Now you may come to the aid of various people whose collective ventures are floundering for want of a voice like yours. Speak up - it's time you were heard.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The week's stars begin on a high note, but as the days pass, argumentative influences will creep in. You must therefore be aware that what seems like a golden opportunity now could turn into quite the opposite by next weekend. Also, harsh words today could rebound on you later.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You've been wondering what happened to all your alleged good fortune. Well, today's intriguing planetary patterns provide a pretty good guarantee that events are moving your way. All you have to do is get on the train while it's moving - and hang on tight.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
In many respects you fare better than most at the moment because you have the wit to see a personal situation for what it really is. I doubt if anyone will be able to pull the wool over your eyes. You may even realise that cast-iron practical arrangements might not work out after all.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You are now going through a rather peculiar phase, perhaps because you're not really sure what you want. Try to be a bit more at ease and relaxed with the world in general, without swinging to the other extreme and becoming disorganised and chaotic.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
It's time to say another word to all Librans who are in the throes of domestic change - that there is only another fortnight of confusion. In fact, all of you will find it easier to straighten out family complications next month, which has to be good news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You may imagine that everything at home is just fine and hunky-dory. However, it's just at times like these that you must take extra precautions. Do your very best to see that family members are happy and contented - even if they're not! I have a feeling you'll soon have some making up to do!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You will soon share with your fellow fire signs, Leo and Aries, a superb, if challenging, planetary line-up. However, your optimism may be tempered by the knowledge that in some senses even you may now be out of your depth. It's time to rely on your past experience.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Partners, loved ones and close colleagues are about to start moving back to an optimistic high after a few weeks of uncertainty. You may both help them develop their good feelings, and share in their success. You should also help them face up to the truth.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You're an Aquarian, so nobody can really put you on the spot or undermine your confidence unless you allow them to. However, judicious concessions made now will prevent them even making the attempt. Your judgement and timing are crucial, and I suspect that you'll be walking a tightrope - temporarily.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
As long as you keep your eye on the ball, you'll have a good start to the week, so no fears on that score. As the days pass, just keep an eye on those secret worries and frustrated hopes that tend to erupt at moments of irritation or pressure. Talk to friends and those who know best, if you need reassurance.

THE PHANTOM

THE JOURNALS I'VE KEPT OF MY TIME IN THE MOUNTAIN CITY....
GOOD PHANTOM TRAINING!
DAD WAS ALWAYS MY FIRST AND BEST EXAMPLE WHEN IT COMES TO THAT.
DE PAUL + WANGLE
Falk 1/24

HI AND LOIS

THIS IS GOING TO BE A GREAT DAY!
WHAT HAPPENED?
THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK ON A COLD WINTER MORNING.
1-24

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, MERRILY WE CROON
NOW WE'RE SINGING VIRTUALLY, CAROLING ON ZOOM
ALL YOU HAD WAS A DOLLAR?
IT WAS EITHER THAT OR TEXT THEM A TIP
CHEAPSKATE CITY!
REALLY!

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

Hard: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

			2				8	7
						9	3	
		3			7	1		2
			6				7	
1		2		8		4		5
	6				1			
6		1	5			8		
	7	9						
4	2				6			

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

7	3	6	8	2	1	4	9	5
8	1	5	9	4	3	6	2	7
4	9	2	6	7	5	1	3	8
6	2	3	7	9	4	8	5	1
1	5	8	3	6	2	9	7	4
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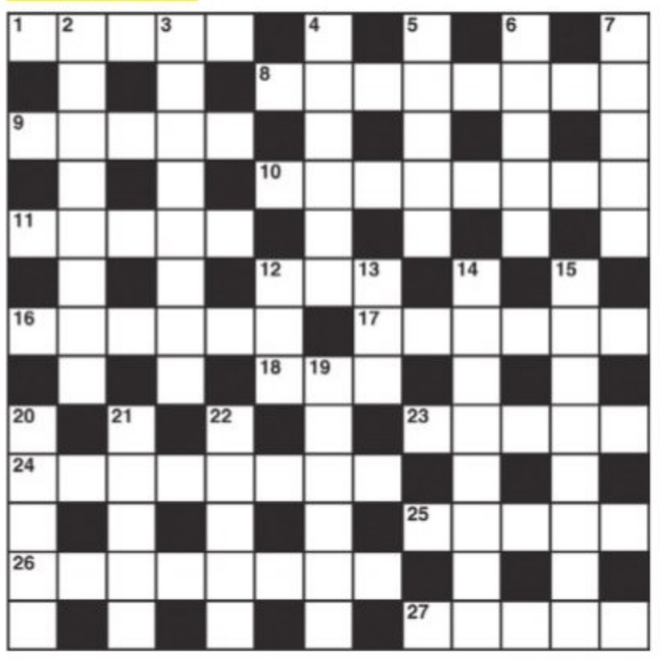
CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 See cat jump off piano (5)
8 Vessel on a shark trip (5,3)
9 A light across the ship (5)
10 Charm is a curious personal quality (8)
11 Cheers up with fringe benefits (5)
12 Time for a letter from Vera (3)
16 Wine produced by Irish county town's capital (6)
17 Finds out that money makes money (6)
18 Lawbreaker's tool (3)
23 Do impressive work as a huntsman? (5)
24 Without him mummy would soon go to pieces (8)
25 Gem of standard weight (5)
26 Stumbling upon clue for 'disconnect' (8)
27 Container of paper turned into wood (5)

DOWN
2 It gets held up when the weather's bad (8)
3 Nuts go well with cheese (8)
4 A young producer (6)
5 Investment for ploughing back? (5)
6 East European gets up for a dance (5)
7 Sort of snake that could kill (5)
12 Initially when to expect a letter from Greece (3)
13 Completely or partly swallowed (3)
14 It's pitiful when dad gets the twitch (8)
15 Could be nine seas in tumult (2,1,5)
19 Turns around (6)
20 It's rolled up for the opening (5)
21 Surprised a defender (5)
22 A man many praise (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Licentiate, 6 Ease, 10 Sprig, 11 Romannose, 12 Sentence, 13 Tonic, 15 Outrage, 17 Sonnets, 19 Toddles, 21 Cheapen, 22 Avril, 24 Cemetery, 27 Libraries, 28 Pin to, 29 Rats, 30 In good form.

Down: 1 Last, 2 Corrected, 3 Night, 4 In range, 5 Tempers, 7 Acorn, 8 Exercising, 9 Instance, 14 Footballer, 16 All clear, 18 Esperanto, 20 Section, 21 Comes to, 23 Rebut, 25 Taped, 26 Room.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

BLYOB

LUBBR

RPCEPO

KBEYAR

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HAPPY NEW YEAR
It's almost time!
Let's toast in the new year.
I'm having such a great time!
Good one!
Get it?
12 31
THE ENTHUSIASTIC NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY GUESTS DRINKING CHAMPAGNE WERE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S **Jumbles:**
UNION SOGGY HOLLOW CANARY
ANSWER: They passed out water at the marathon so the runners could — CHUG ALONG

Five people, including a woman, were hospitalised after a honey bee attack at a village in Bantwal on Sunday. The condition of the woman is said to be critical and she has been referred to a private hospital in Mangaluru

TRACKING COVID-19

DURATION OF PANDEMIC
1 YEAR, 355 DAYS

CASES REPORTED
Today: **366** | Yesterday: **514**

TALLY
Today: **39,40,795**
Yesterday: **39,40,429**

DEATHS	DISCHARGES
Today: **17**	Today: **801**
Yesterday: **19**	Yesterday: **1,073**

ACTIVE CASES
Today: **6,488**
Yesterday: **6,940**

POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
Today: **6.12%**	Today: **1.01%**
Yesterday: **6.12%**	Yesterday: **1.01%**

RECOVERY RATE
Today: **98.79%**
Yesterday: **98.77%**

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES
LAST 24 HOURS

Bengaluru Urban	**224**
Bengaluru Rural	**0**
Bagalkot	2
Ballari	9
Belagavi	17
Bidar	2
Chamarajanagar	4
Chikkaballapur	4
Chikkamagaluru	2
Chitradurga	6
Dakshina Kannada	10
Davanagere	1
Dharwad	7
Gadag	0
Hassan	8
Haveri	2
Kalaburagi	9
Kodagu	4
Kolar	1
Koppal	5
Mandya	2
Mysuru	17
Raichur	4
Ramanagara	1
Shivamogga	4
Tumakuru	7
Udupi	5
Uttara Kannada	5
Vijayapura	1
Yadgir	3

TAC for further easing of Covid curbs in state

Fresh guidelines today, restrictions on gatherings, weddings may go

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on Sunday to discuss easing of Covid restrictions as cases continue to drop in Karnataka.

At present, rallies, dharnas, protests, social and religious congregations are not allowed. Marriage functions can take place with 300 people outdoors or 200 people indoors. Sports complexes and stadiums must function with only 50 percent capacity. At cinema halls, food is not allowed inside the theatre and people must eat outside during the interval. People need to show their certificate of two-dose Covid vaccination before entering various public places.

However, members of TAC say the current restrictions are only on paper and are not being followed on ground. Almost everything has opened up and the positivity rate is well below 1 per cent, said Dr CN Manjunath, member of TAC.

First this year, state sees under 500 new cases

Bengaluru: For the first time since December 28 last year, less than 500 Covid-19 cases were reported in Karnataka on Sunday. The state reported 366 new cases, taking the tally to 39,40,795. However, the mortality rate remained the same at 1.01 per cent with 17 deaths taking the state's toll to 39,936.

"It is time to revisit the restrictions. Other countries have opened up too. Only in small indoor public places can restrictions continue. Religious festivals and gatherings are already taking place with 20,000 to 30,000 people gathering. Over 100 per cent of the population has been vaccinated with the first dose and around 90 per cent with the second dose. There are no Covid clusters being reported as well," said Dr Manjunath, who is also the director of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research.

Another doctor and a TAC member said that the restrictions are no longer needed, but Covid-appropriate behaviour has to continue."This includes masking, washing hands and social distancing. Making vaccination compulsory before entering public places must also continue. The pandemic is still not over and we do not know if there will be more waves or not. However, restrictions on gatherings and marriages can be removed," the member said.

On Monday, the state government is likely to announce fresh guidelines based on the recommendations made by TAC members.

DROPS OF HEALTH

A healthworker administers polio drops to a child during the nationwide immunisation drive, in Bengaluru on Sunday. The drive was held for children aged under 5 years, across Karnataka. The target for Day 1 was 6,475,413, of which 93.50 per cent, or 6,054,448 children, were covered | SHRIRAM BN

Sudhakar helps accident victims

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chikkaballapur

HEALTH and Family Welfare Minister Dr K Sudhakar came to the rescue of two accident victims near Devanahalli of Bengaluru Rural district on Sunday.

After participating in a programme in his home consitutency Chikkaballapur, the minister, on his way to Bengaluru, noticed two people who had sustained serious injuries in their legs in accident. He immediately stopped his car and collected the details of the victims. The minister rang up the director of Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma and Orthopaedics and asked him to keep the operation theatre ready and depute doctors for an immediate procedure.

Sudhakar also gave the number of his personal assistant to the attendants of the victims and asked them to call him in case of any help.

One of the accident victims being shifted to an ambulance as Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar (left) looks on

Two techies killed as speeding car rams bike

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

IN a hit-and-run incident, two software engineers died after a speeding car crashed into their bike at Byatarayanapura Service Road near Hebbal on Saturday night.

The deceased have been identified as Kiran (23) and his cousin Yatish (24) . They were working with an IT company in the city.

A senior police officer said Yatish, who hails from Holalkere in Chitradurga, had come to his cousin Kiran's house in Amruthahalli and they went for a joy ride on the latter's new Royal Enfield bike. A speeding car coming from Kodigehalli junction knocked down their bike and they sustained severe head injuries. Passers-by rushed them to a nearby hospital where they were declared brought dead.

The car driver sped away soon after the accident and Hebbal traffic police are on his look out. Kiran was riding the bike and the duo were not wearing helmets, the officer said.

Two held, ganja seized

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Rajagopalanagar police have arrested two drug peddlers and seized more than 21 kg of ganja (marijuana) from them. Police said the duo was arrested following a credible tip-off that two men were trying to sell ganja at 12th Cross in Peenya 4th Stage. Investigations revealed that the accused hail from Tamil Nadu and had purchased the contraband from a contact in Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

"From Vishakhapatnam, they had smuggled the contraband in a train to Hosur, where they had stocked it in their house. They used to bring small quantities of ganja to the city to sell it to students and others," the police said. The accused were running a condiments supply business, but were not earning enough to lead a comfortable life, and hence they took to drug peddling, police added. The police have recovered 21.18 kg of ganja and a two-wheeler from the accused.

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of house on site No.34, property No.23/2 and 24, out of VP Khatha No.418/1, situated at Naganatapura Village, Beguru Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring east to West 30 feet, North to South 40 feet, together with one square AC sheet roofing house, no amenities, bounded on : **East by :** Property No.27, **West by :** Property No.35, **North by :** 25 feet wide Road, **South by :** Property No.33.

JITH'S LAW CHAMBER
SRI. ABIJITH, M.M. Advocate, Office at No.10, 1st Floor, Shakthi Plaza, 2nd Cross, 5th Main Road, Vasanthappa Block, Ganganagar, Bangalore - 32.
Ph: 988072400 / 8618462560

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified and informed that, my client Sri. Pavan .P, S/o. Late Puttaraju, R/at #18/1, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Arkavathi River Road, Brundavananagar, VTC: Bengaluru South, PO: Gavipuram Extention, Bengaluru-560019, Had purchased a property bearing Documents No. 13290/04-05 it is further submitted that the property measuring East to West 40Ft ant North to South 60 Ft totally 2400 Sqft. It is submitted that my client had taken the said document to Xerox near the address mentioned above or near my client's house at that point of time while travelling back to the home, the original Sale Deed is misplaced/lost. If any person/s come in contact of the same or found they may kindly return the same to my client or the below mentioned address. In this regard my client has also lodged a police complaint in respect of the lost document online which is registered as Lost Report No. 0167220/2022, Serial No. 167220, Dated: 24/02/2022.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the place and parcel of the vacant site bearing No. 161A, formed land previously bearing Survey No.21/3, Now converted Survey No.21/3A & 21/3B vide Conversion order No.B.Dis.ALN.SR.(N)127A/2002-03 & No.B.Dis.ALN.SR(N) 125/2003-04, dated : 29/03/2003, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner (Revenue), Bangalore district, katha No.72/21/3A & 70/21/3B, situated at Gidadakonenahalli Village, YeshwanthpuraHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West : 40 ft and north to South 60ft in all measuring 2400 Sq.ft.

Prabhu Kumar.R, Advocate,
#652/1, 1st Floor, Dr. Rajkumar Road,
2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangaluru 560 010.
Date : 26/02/2022

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INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Only Through e-Procurement Portal) (4th Call)

BWSSB invites Item rate tender in two stage tender system from eligible tenderers for Work of providing & laying of water supply lines (missing bits) in Ward No. 160, R.R Nagar coming under AEE(W-2) Sub Division, Bangalore.

Amount put to tender: **Rs. 3,50,26,646/-**. EMD: **Rs. 5,26,000/-.**

Last date and time for receipt of tenders will be on **14.03.2022** upto **15.00 hrs**. Date of opening of bids will be on **15.03.2022** after **16.00 hrs**. The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.

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Place: Kalaburagi
Date:24/02/2022 **REGISTRAR**

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IN THE COURT OF THE VI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-11)
P & S.C. No. 739/2021

1. Ravindran T R, S/o P Rajaram, Aged about 55 years, Residing at 203 Umiya Laburnum, 25 Meg, Officers Colony, Banaswadi Main Road, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560033.
2. Vijay Adithya T R, S/o Ravindran T R, Aged about 16 years, Residing at 203 Umiya Laburnum, 25 Meg, Officers Colony, Banaswadi Main Road, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560033.
Presently residing at: No.204, 2nd Floor, Sarma Garden Apartment, Davis Road, Cookson Road, Bangalore - 560 084. ...Petitioners

AND

NIL ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Petitioners have filed the above suit for grant of Succession Certificate in the name of Petitioner No 1 in respect of the schedule amounts mentioned in the schedule belonging to my wife who died on 1.08.2021 and for such other reliefs.

That any person having any right, claim, right or interest in respect of the said schedule or any claim in nature of dispute or otherwise claiming howsoever, are hereby requested to appear before this Hon'ble court through a pleader **on 05.04.2022 at 11:00 a.m.** within 15 days from the date hereof failing which, the claim or claims if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that description of the general provident fund receivable by the Petitioners herein under general provident fund is as follows :

A. General Provident Fund

PAO/To	Account No.	Name
PAO (Collec. of Central Excise) Bangalore.	PAO/CBEC/ BLR/**7181**	Tissa Loganathan

B. Terminal Benefits / Survival benefits

Account No.	Name
PAO/CBEC/BLR/**7181**	Tissa Loganathan

C. Central Government Health Scheme

Card No. / Type	Name
5373988 / S	Loganathan Tissa

D. Balance Leave Pay

Account No.	Name
PAO/CBEC/BLR/**7181**	Tissa Loganathan

E. Pension

Account No.	Name
PAO/CBEC/BLR/**7181**	Tissa Loganathan

F. Insurance

Account No.	Name
PAO/CBEC/BLR/**7181**	Tissa Loganathan

Given under my hand and seal on this the 17th day of February 2022.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner : **Sowmya M.,** NB-4th North Block, Manipal Centre, Dickenson Road, Bangalore - 560 042. Ph: 9845551662

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
Cri. Misc. No. 756/2021

BETWEEN: Sri. Santhosh .H.R S/o Ramaiah .G Aged about 41 years, **2. Sri. Ramaiah .G** S/o Late Gopalappa @ Gopalaiah, Aged about 41 years, **Both are R/at.** No.79, Near Mariyamma Temple, Doddatumakuru Post, Hesaraghtta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Haniyuru, Bengaluru - 561 203. ...Petitioner

And: The Thasildar, Yelahanka Taluk Bengaluru North, Bengaluru. ...Respondent

PAPER PUBLICATION / PUBLIC NOTICE

The petitioners above named have filed this petition seeking death certificate of late **Gopalappa @ Gopalaiah S/o Muniyappa, who died on 02.05.1994** petitioner No.1 is a grand son and petitioner No.2 is a son, at R/at. No.79, Near Mariyamma Temple, Doddatumakuru Post, Hesaraghtta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Haniyuru, Bengaluru- 561 203. If anyone have any kind of objections regarding this issue, kindly intimate to the court and appear **on 21.03.2022 at 11.00 am.**

Given under my hand and the seal of this court dated on this 24.02.2022.

By Order of the Court, Sheristedar, Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore Rural District.

Manjunath .B, Advocate
No. 277, 7th Main, New Kavika Layout,
Bapuji Nagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru - 560 026.

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
Cri. Misc. No. 750 / 2021

BETWEEN: Sri Santhosh .B.N S/o Late Nagarajappa Aged about 31 years, R/at. Byrapura, Arakere Post, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru - 561 203. ...Petitioner

And: The Thasildar, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru. ...Respondent

PAPER PUBLICATION / PUBLIC NOTICE

The petitioners above named have filed this petition seeking death certificate of late **Govindappa S/o Ayanappa** R/at. Byrapura, Arakere Post, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru- 561203. If anyone have any kind of objections regarding this issue, kindly intimate to the court and appear **on 21.03.2022 at 11.00 am.**

Given under my hand and the seal of this court dated on this 24.02.2022.

By Order of the Court, Sheristedar, Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore Rural District.

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Tender document can be downloaded from the bank's website **www.bankofbaroda.com** on or after **01.03.2022**. Last date for the submission of Bids is **22/03/2022 Upto 03:00 PM.**

Date: 28.02.2022 **Sd/- ZONAL HEAD**
Place: Bengaluru **BANGALORE - ZONE**

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E-mail:sssbn2bmh@sreenidhibank.com

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Smt.Kokila.P (Borrower)
Sri.Nagabhushana.S.P (Mortgager/Guarantor)

Sale of Immovable Property Mortgaged to Bank Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. (No 54 of 2002) -- SARFAESI ACT

Whereas Smt.P.Kokila D/o.Prabhu.M, Residing at No.190, Vasan Nivas, 4th Main, Singapura Paradise, M.S.Palya, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bangalore -560097 and also at No.83, Prateeksha Nilaya, Kaveri Enclave, 1st floor, 2nd Cross, 9th Main Road, Kanshiram Nagar, Near Sambram College Road, Bangalore-560097 has borrowed monies from Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha, Bommanahalli Branch, #279, 1st Floor, 16th Cross, 5th Main, 7th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore – 560102 and she owes a sum of Rs.55,59,244.04 (Rupees Fifty Five lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Four and Zero Four Paise)only as on 25/02/2022 with further interest @ 13.00% per annum and costs there on.

Whereas the Authorised Officer of the Bank has issued notice under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and thereafter has taken possession of the property mortgaged to the bank and the Mortgager/Guarantor Sri.S.P.Nagabhushana S/o.B.Puttalingaiah, Residing at No.28/1, Santhrupti, 2nd Cross, 1st Main, Muthurayaswamy Layout, Doddabommasandra, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bangalore-560097 property and decided to sell the property, described in Schedule "A" herein below, on 'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS' under rules 8 & 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

DETAILS OF SALE:

Place of Auction: Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha, #113, R.V.Road, V.V. Puram, Bangalore-560004.
Date/Day & time of auction: 30/03/2022 (Wednesday) At 11:00 AM.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY: Schedule-A

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing eastern portion of site No.28, New No.28/1, Old Katha No.1271, BBMP Katha No.1271/45/1/28/1 situated at Doddabommasandra Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 25 Feet, North to South 28 Feet,totally measuring 700 Sq. Feet, consisting of Ground Floor, 1st Floor, 2nd Floor & 3rd Floor, together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on East by: Private Property, West by: Remaining Western Portion of Same Property in Same number, North by:Road and South by: Site No.27.

Reserve Price: Rs.98,02,250/- (Rupees Ninety Eight Lakhs Two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty) Only

Terms & Conditions of Auction:

1) For participating in the auction, the intending bidders have to deposit 10% of reserve price of the property by Bankers cheque/Demand Draft favouring the Authorised Officer, Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha, Payable at Bangalore which is refundable, if the bid is not successful.
2) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount immediately on the sale being knocked down in his favour and the balance within 15 days. Payment to be made only in the form of cash or bankers cheque/ DD drawn in favour of the Authorised Officer, Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha.
3) Incase the successful bidder fails to deposit 25% of bid amount immediately on the sale being knocked down in his favour and the balance amount within 15 days, the entire deposit made by the bidder shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice.
4) The successful bidder would bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance such as Stamp duty, Registration fee etc., as applicable as per law.
5) The Authorised officer will not be held responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrance, property tax or any other dues to the Govt. or anybody in respect of the property under sale.
6) The Authorised Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject the bid or adjourn/ postpone the auction without assigning any reason therefore.
7) The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank.
8) The auction of the property will be made as per the above order or at the discretion of the Authorised Officer.
9) For inspection of property, the intending bidders may contact, Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha, Bommanahalli Branch, No.279, 1st Floor, 16th Cross, 5th Main, 6th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore – 560 102 during the office hours or may contact at telephone No.080 25722152/153/9482422153/7204626437.

Date :25/02/2022 **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place :Bangalore **Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha**

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Schools and colleges in Shivamogga will reopen from Monday, after a week. The educational institutions here were closed amidst restrictions and curfew imposed under Section 144 of the CrPC, following clashes and riots after the murder of Bajrang Dal activist Harsha on February 20

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Wishes pour in for BSY as he turns 79

There was no stopping the stream of well-wishers trooping into former chief minister B S Yediyurappa's residence on Sunday, as he celebrated his 79th birthday. The BJP strongman, who seldom smiles, looked on rather grimly at the long list of visitors, from CM Bommai, cabinet ministers, MLAs and MLCs. His biggest smile, though, was reserved for his 'political foe' Siddaramaiah, who also reached his home to greet him.

BJP protest against BJP govt

A protest by some BJP leaders and workers at the foundation laying ceremony of Beary Bhavan at Thokkottu near Mangaluru, left many wondering whom they are targeting. Kannada and Culture Minister V Sunil Kumar, who was to do the honours, did not turn up for the event though he was very much present in Mangaluru, attending all other events as per schedule. Finally, local MLA UT Khader laid the foundation stone. BJP workers asked Khader why work on Rani Abbakka Bhavan had not yet started. Khader hit back, saying they should put the question to their own party government.

Congress does a BJP on 'Love Jihad'

An inter-religion marriage solemnised at a temple in Belthangady taluk found the Congress on the other side of the fence recently. Alleging that a BJP worker, who is a close aide of Belthangady MLA Harish Poonja, had facilitated the marriage, former Congress MLA K Vasanth Bangera alleged that the BJP was indulging in 'Love Jihad'.

Flexing muscles and souring ties

Even as differences between BJP leaders in Mysuru are widening, a new silent spat has started between prominent leaders and Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha. The party cadre and leaders are leaving no stone unturned to strengthen the party's presence in Old Mysuru region by reaching out to the public and erecting flexes around the city. However, the illegal flexes mushrooming on the city's outskirts, especially on the ring roads, have irked two-time MP Simha. He instructed officials to remove all the flexes along the ring roads, starting with the BJP banners, and urged them to serve notices to those responsible. As expected, this has not gone down well with BJP MLAs and their followers, who are left guessing, "Simha ko gussa kyun aata hai?"

Forest dept goes slow on blaze

A ground fire which broke out at a famous park between Hubballi and Dharwad cities last week, saw fire personnel rushing to the spot, but they were forced to halt ops as the park gate was locked. Unable to reach the person from the forest department who could unlock the gate, the firemen decided to seek the help of a journalist who had called them just then. When the reporter called a forest official and narrated the urgency of the situation, and sought that the gate be opened, the response was cold. The official called back to say that a person would reach in 15 minutes. When this was conveyed to a fire official, he only raised his brows, "Well, we can wait but not the fire!"

With GIM in Nov, govt to begin roadshows

Meetings with envoys in Delhi being planned in April, to host events in their countries; hunt on for 5k acres of land

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AS the Karnataka government is planning to organise a Global Investors' Meet in November this year, the Department of Industries has started making preparations. Soon, it will start a series of events, including road shows in different countries, to attract potential investors.

The department is expecting an allocation for GIM in the budget, to be presented by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on March 4. The showcase event will be held at the Palace Grounds in Bengaluru for three days and the tentative date for the inauguration has been fixed as November 2.

Department sources said they are planning to meet ambassadors of various countries in New Delhi in early April to seek their cooperation for road shows in their respective countries. A plan is being chalked out to hold a curtain-raiser at Davos in Switzerland, where the World Economic Forum annual summit is held in May.

The state was to hold a GIM in 2020 and an announcement too had been made by the then chief minister BS Yediyurappa at Davos. But the Covid pandemic put brakes on the plans.

Industries Department officials said that they are likely to hold road shows in the US, Korea, Japan and European countries by August. "We have not finalised the countries. The planning is at initial stages," the sources said. Within the country, roadshows will be held in metros, including New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Hyderabad.

The Department has already identified some of the land for potential investors and is looking at around 5,000 acres for new investors. The state now has 188 industrial areas, spread across 72,000 acres. Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani is keen on creating more jobs and wants to make the state more investor-friendly, the officials said.

When HD Kumaraswamy was helming a JDS-Congress coalition government, he had announced plans to hold a GIM in 2019. But soon after, his government collapsed and GIM was not conducted. After it was scrapped because of the pandemic in 2020, it was planned again for February 2021. But as the Covid second wave struck and as there was less time for preparation, it was postponed to November 2022.

Karnataka last hosted a GIM in 2016, which concluded with 1,201 approved projects and MoUs valued at Rs 3,08,810 crore.

ON WAR FOOTING

K'taka students in Ukraine struggle for food, water

MAHESH M GOUDAR & G SUBASH CHANDRA @ Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Davanagere

HUNDREDS of students from Karnataka stranded in Kharkiv and Kyiv in Ukraine are struggling to get proper food and water from the local authorities. The students are scared to step out and buy food as bombing by Russia has intensified.

Kiran LS, a medical student stranded in Ukraine, said, "We have barely stepped out of the shelter houses and we are forced to survive on an empty stomach." Navayshree, a student at Kharkiv Medical University, said, "First two days, we were allowed to go to apartments and hostels for at least one hour a day. We used to cook sufficient food and return to the bunkers with lunch boxes and water. Now, because of nonstop bombardment, we have been restrained from stepping out of bunkers and tunnels. We are surviving on limited food and water. The local authorities are hardly supplying basic needs."

The parents of these students in Karnataka are anxious.

Dr Rajashekar Hipparagi, father of Rohit Hipparagi – who has been stranded in Ukraine, said, "We are making efforts to evacuate my son, but we have not been successful. I am scared as the situation is grim in many cities of Ukraine. Even the government is helpless as they have not started the evacuation process in eastern cities. The government has to expedite the evacuation process in areas severely affected by the conflict." The Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority stated that 397 students from the state were stranded in Ukraine. Among them, 129 are from Bengaluru Urban, 28 from Mysuru, 23 from Bagalkot and 18 from Vijayapura. Thirty students have returned from Ukraine, but none of them are from Bagalkot and Vijayapura.

Priya lands back in India

FORCED to spend several sleepless nights in fear amidst Russia's onslaught on Ukraine, Priya -- a second-year MBBS student from the Bukovinian State Medical University at Chernistvi -- finally touched down in India on the second flight of Air India which landed at New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport in the early hours of Sunday.

Priya, from Kunduru village of Honnali taluk, said, "It took two hours to reach the Romanian border due to heavy traffic. The immigration process took another 4-5 hours. Once we crossed the border, the bus straightaway made it to the international airport in Bucharest. Officials from the Indian Embassy booked us on the Air India flight, which reached Delhi early on Sunday."

Meanwhile, the first batch of 12 Students who landed in Bengaluru were received by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, Karnataka Revenue Minister R Ashoka and others.

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi and Revenue Minister R Ashoka receive the first batch of 12 students from Karnataka who were stranded in Ukraine, after they arrive at KIA in Bengaluru on Sunday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

A pile-up of cars seen en route to Uzhhord in Ukraine, as many citizens attempt to flee the country under attack, on Sunday. This picture was taken by Suneha Thippeswamy while she was driving towards Budapest in Hungary.

Gritty women drive 28 hrs, destination Budapest

G SUBASH CHANDRA @Chitradurga

"I set off on my journey back to India via Budapest, the capital of Hungary. Throughout my journey, I kept hearing loud blasts. Now I feel safe as my vehicle is nearing the border," says a shaken Suneha Thippeswamy.

Braving all odds, Suneha and her friend Rachana and a fellow driver, drove for almost 28 hours from Kyiv, in Ukraine, to Budapest. They have not reached the border yet, and are staying at a hotel in Uzhhord, near the Slovakian and Hungarian border.

Starting out on Saturday evening, they had a brief stopover at a fuel station between Kyiv and Uzhhord, where Suneha rested for three hours before restarting the journey. The fifth-year student of medicine told *TNIE*: "All through the journey, we heard firing and shelling, and were terrified. Once we reached the highway, we started feeling better."

"On Thursday, a bomb blast in front of Kyiv International Airport forced me to stay in a bunker at my friend's home for three days. As the food got exhausted, I went hungry on Friday and Saturday. The only option before me was to reach my motherland as early as possible, and I decided to drive towards Hungary," she explained. "We are in touch with Indian embassy officials in Hungary, and they informed us to apply for temporary visa so that our evacuation process becomes easier. I am hopeful of getting on a flight by Tuesday," she said.

"The war situation is like hell. None of the Ukranian shops and fuel stations are accepting cards or other modes of payment. As I didn't have enough cash, I made do with half a burger through Sunday. Water bottles are not available either," she said. She is hoping the Indian embassy will arrange some food.

Congress Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala, KPCC chief DK Shivakumar, CLP leader Siddaramaiah, and other leaders in Ramanagara on Sunday

Cong resumes padayatra, accuses BJP of inertia

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Congress on Sunday resumed its 'padayatra' from Ramanagara, demanding implementation of the Mekedatu project across the river Cauvery. Party leaders and workers chanted slogans as they set out on the padayatra, which they had been forced to abandon on January 13, after being pulled up by the courts over concerns of Covid-19 spread.

Led by Congress state president D K Shivakumar and Opposition Leader Siddaramaiah, the five-day padayatra with the theme 'Namma Neeru, Namma Hakku' (Our Water, Our Right) will culminate at the National College Grounds in Basavanagudi in Bengaluru on March 3, after covering a distance of 79.8km. AICC General Secretary in-charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala was among those others present at the padayatra. They proceeded towards Bidadi, where the leaders halted for the night, and will resume from Bidadi on Monday, moving towards Kengeri. Siddaramaiah, who had raised the issue with former AICC president Rahul Gandhi and other Congress leaders in Delhi a few days ago, alleged that in 30 months of a double-engine government, the Central and State governments could not get environmental clearance for the project. He said there is no court order against it, yet the government could not get permission. Details like DPR and revised DPR had already been submitted when the Congress and coalition governments were in power. "BJP lacks the will to set up the Mekedatu project," Surjewala said.

In response to the offensive, Water Resources Minister Govind Karjol said the Congress had promised to take up Krishna works in its party manifesto, but failed. He said the amount spent in five years was a mere Rs 7,228 crore, of which modernisation of canals took up Rs 2,336 crore. He reminded the Congress of its padayatra from Hospet to Koodalsangama over Krishna Kadage, and also its claim that it would sanction Rs 50,000 crore in five years.

STATE OPENS FACILITATION CENTRE AT DELHI AIRPORT

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ACCORDING to the data available with KSDMA, 397 people from Karnataka were stranded in Ukraine with 129 among them from Bengaluru. With 30 having reached India, 367 are still in Ukraine.

KSDMA said the air tickets from Mumbai and New Delhi to Bengaluru are being borne by the Karnataka Government. The students who landed in New Delhi were accommodated in Karnataka Bhavan while waiting for their flights to Bengaluru. Arriving students reported that some of those still remaining behind in Ukraine were facing water and food scarcity as they are unable to move out of bomb shelters to access basic necessities.

Manoj Rajan and his team are in constant touch with the Ministry of External Affairs to evacuate the remaining stranded students from Ukraine. The state government has opened a facilitation centre at New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport to help students from Karnataka who are arriving from Ukraine and to enable them to reach their respective homes.

While the students who have arrived are relieved, it has been extremely difficult for them to expel the nightmarish experience and fear of being victims of a war they are witnessing first-hand for the first time at their young age.

If that was not enough, the students who have to break their education because of the February 24 invasion of Ukraine by Russia are now uncertain about their future course. Mohammed Mannan, a resident of Channapatna who came to Bengaluru on Sunday evening on Vistara flight UK813 that landed at 8.25 pm with four other students, said "I was scared when I heard sounds of rockets and jets passing over us. I was in a safe zone, but still me and my roommates lived in extreme fear when the missile attacks were launched." Keerthana Chinnappagowda from Hassan, who flew in on the same flight as Mannan, said, "I get nightmares about the situation I witnessed in Ukraine. A few students reached the Hungarian border and managed to fly to India. We did not have any difficulties for a couple of days but after that every word of the attack and invasion horrified us." Parents of Syeda Habeeba, who studies second year MBBS and hails from Davanagere, said they were relieved to find their daughter's name on the list of students arriving in India. The students said while some of the universities had decided to resume classes online, they wondered how that would progress, considering that almost all these students are studying medicine, for which online classes would not be of much help. "We hope that peace returns to Ukraine and we can go back as soon as possible," the students said.

Ambareesh lived on his own terms, Bommai recalls his megastar friend

ENS @ Bengaluru

A beautiful memorial will soon be built for late Sandalwood megastar **Ambareesh**, and will attract visitors from neighbouring states too, CM Basavaraj Bommai said here on Sunday.

Bommai was speaking after performing Bhoomi Puja for Ambareesh's memorial at Kanteerava Studio. Highlighting his friendship with the star, he said, "I used to call Ambareesh by his name. Ours was a 40-year-long friendship. We did everything that friends do -- eat, roam together, the usual and unusual things." Praising Ambareesh as a man who lived on his own terms, the CM said, "His life was like an open book. Ambareesh never compromised with his conscience. One who lives according to his own terms and conscience is the real hero. He was born with leadership qualities. Though he started his cinema career as a villain, he emerged as a superhero."

Narrating their bonding, Bommai said Ambareesh would abandon shooting as soon as he heard his friends' car horn and join them, leaving producers in a pickle. Recalling Ambareesh's stint in politics, he said the star did not cling to power, and instead, had special affection for the poor and farmers. When the Cauvery water dispute erupted, he quit the Union Ministry and was the only politician to give up power during the agitation, Bommai said.

State's 1st CM an inspiration to all, says Bommai

Former Chief Minister KC Reddy's life is a guiding light for leaders of the current generation, CM Basavaraj Bommai said. "KC Reddy, the first Chief Minister of the state was a leader with a vision. The erstwhile Mysore and Karnataka states could be built because of the strong foundation laid by an able administrator like KC Reddy. His principles, ideals, values, and commitment to address people's grievances are an inspiration to all," Bommai said, paying floral tributes to Reddy's statue on his death anniversary

Will tour state after budget session: BSY

ENS @ Bengaluru

FORMER chief minister **BS Yediyurappa**, who celebrated his 79th birthday on Sunday, announced that he will tour the state after the budget session concludes, and that he will work to bring the BJP back to power in the state.

But his critics within the party pointed out that he made similar announcements earlier, but could not get permission from party higher-ups to take up his state tour. This time too, it is not sure whether he would receive the go-ahead, they added.

Yediyurappa said, "Despite not being in power (as chief minister), around 3,000 people came and blessed me on my birthday. I'm indebted to their love and trust. After the Assembly session, I will once again travel across the state and will do all that is possible beyond my limits to bring BJP back to power." He told reporters here that the people are still with the BJP and will not support Congress. "It is our firm resolve that BJP should come back to power in the next Assembly elections and it is also the wish of the people. We will all travel across the state and put in a collective effort in that direction." he added.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai too wished Yediyurappa on his birthday.

The budget session, which is starting on March 4, is ending on March 30.

BJD's victory march to touch 700 zones in Odisha ZP polls

Ruling party leads in 273 Zilla Parishad zones; BJP, Cong trail with 15 zones each

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bhubaneswar

THE ruling BJD is all set to surpass its tally of 651 Zilla Parishad zones in the 2017 panchayat elections going by the trends available at the end of the second day counting of votes on Sunday. Trends available from the counting show that the ruling party's score is likely to cross 700 ZP zones by the end of the total counting on Monday.

Continuing its victory march, the BJD was ahead in at least 273 Zilla Parishad zones out of the total 305 counting of which was taken up today. The BJP and Congress were way behind by leading in only 15 zones each while independents and other candidates were ahead in only three zones.

The State Election Commission (SEC) announced results of 314 ZP zones out of the 315 counting of which were taken up on Saturday. While BJD won 281 seats, BJD and

Congress candidates victorious in 15 and 14 zones respectively. Independents and others won four zones. Result of one zone in Niali in Cuttack district is yet to be announced.

The ruling BJD has won/leading in 554 zones compared to 30 and 29 zones by BJP and Congress respectively while the tally of independents and others has increased to 7.

Though Congress put up some fight in a couple of Southern Odisha districts, the BJD was well ahead in all the 30 districts. Sources said that the BJD is likely to form Parishads in all the 30 districts this time as there is almost no resistance from the Opposition parties anywhere. In all the major districts including Balasore, Cuttack, Ganjam, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Kendrapara and Mayurbhanj, the BJD's win/lead tally is far more that the BJP and Congress rivals.

While in Mayurbhanj, the BJD is ahead in 24 out of the 26 zones where counting has been taken up in the second phase, the party is ahead in all the 15 ZP zones in Cuttack district. Similarly, the party is ahead in all the 22 zones in Ganjam district. In Keonjhar, the home district of president of the Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) Niranjan Patnaik, BJD candidates are leading in all the 12 ZP zones in which counting is going on. Counting of votes in 315 and 305 ZP zones were taken up on Saturday and Sunday,while the votes in rest of the zones will be counted on Monday.

Naval might on display at Milan 22

Visakhapatnam : All roads led to RK Beach where the international city parade was hosted as part of the Milan 2022 on Sunday. The city parade is one of the major highlights of Milan - 2022. People witnessed an enthralling Operational Demonstration by the Indian Navy and a colourful International City Parade on Sunday evening at RK Beach. The event conducted as part of the ongoing Multilateral Exercise Milan-22 saw an overwhelming response from the people of the city. CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy was the chief guest for the event.

TRS leader held for raping minor: Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Adilabad

NIRMAL Municipal Vice-Chairperson and TRS leader Shajid Khan allegedly raped a 15-year-old girl multiple times. According to police, Shajid Khan took a woman and the victim, who is an 8th Standard student, to Hyderabad in January and perpetrated the crime.

Police suspect that the woman Annapurna, deliberately facilitated Shajid Khan's meeting with the victim at a hotel in Hyderabad after telling her that they were in fact going to attend a function in Nizamabad.

Later, Shajid Khan allegedly took the girl to several places and committed the crime. He also threatened her against going to police. But when his demands became insistent, the girl confided her problem in her parents, who took her to the police on Saturday night.

The police, who were initially hesitant to register a case against Shajid Khan, finally booked him under POCSO and Section 376 of IPC. Learning about the victim approaching police, Shajid Khan has apparently went into hiding. Meanwhile, the victim has been sent to a Sakhi Centre.

Speaking to Express, Superintendent of Police Praveen Kumar said that they would soon arrest him regardless of his status and stature. "We have constituted four teams and very soon we will apprehend him. We are searching for him in Bhainsa, Nirmal and Adilabad," he said.

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> Praveen Kumar, SP

Kerala allows full staff in theatres, bars

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

IN the wake of a decrease in Covid cases, the Kerala government on Sunday eased restrictions and decided to allow full-scale functioning of movie theatres and bars in the state.

The decision to ease the restrictions were taken after assessing the situation and paying heed to the recommendation of the Health Department.

The practice of classifying districts has been done away with, while the theatres have been given permission to function in full capacity.

The Kerala govt brought in the classification of districts into A, B and C categories on Jan 21 when the test positivity rate (TPR) touched 40 per cent. During that period, the state had more than two lakh active Covid cases prompting the government to categorise the districts on the basis of the spread of the disease and the caseload on the hospitals. However, the cases have come down drastically over the period following which it was decided to suspend the categorisation.

13 medical students from Ukraine arrive in Kozhikode

Pinarayi discusses Ukraine rescue mission with MEA

T'Puram: CM Pinarayi Vijayan held discussions with Union Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar on Sunday regarding the rescue mission of Indians including Keralites trapped in war-torn Ukraine. The Chief Minister also wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi requesting urgent intervention from the Union government to provide relief to the Indian nationals there.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kozhikode

THIRTEEN students belonging to various parts of Malabar region reached Calicut International Airport from war-torn Ukraine on Sunday. Family members and leaders of various political parties were there to welcome them.

The evacuees are Amar Ali Parappara from Kuttipuram, Sanam from Parapanangadi, Thanseeha Sulthana from Kottakkal and Fathima Kulooda from Kozhichenna in Malappuram district -- all MBBS students of Bukovinian State Medical University in Chernivtsi, and Muhammed Midlaj, Kozhikode, Mohamed Shadil, Kozhikode, Amar Sankar Patheri, Kozhikode, Mohammed Althaf, Malappuram, Basil Ahammed, Malappuram, Fiza Nasreen, Malappuram, Sandra Thekkepat, Palakkad, Muhammed Hadil K P, Kannur and Shahana, Malappuram -- all first-year MBBS students from Uzhhorod National University.

"We reached Mumbai on February 26 and later we were taken to the Kerala House where we were treated well by the state government representatives. Around 1.15pm on Sunday, we reached the Kozhikode airport. My university is about 10 hours away from Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine. Some of our university friends are still are completely stuck there," said Fathima, a fifth year MBBS student.

SPLENDID SIGHT

'Hampi By Night' to restart in mid-March

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR
@ Hosapete

THE Hampi By Night event that was stopped for few years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, will be restarted by the Vijayanagara district administration along with a private company in the third week of March. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will relaunch the programme to attract more tourists to the world heritage centre.

The relaunch programme, by the CM, was earlier planned on March 1.It has been postponed to the third week of March as the CM is not available on the planned date. During the recently concluded international conference on Indian Temple Architecture conducted at Hampi, the district administration conducted a trial run of Hampi By Night event at Virupaksha temple premises where guests from all over the world were present.

Hampi By Night event trial run was conducted recently on the premises of Eduru Basavanna temple | DHEMANTH

Vijayanagara Deputy Commissioner Anirudh Sravan P said, "As the CM will be busy with the state budget in the first week of March, the scheduled programme has been postponed. It is the wish of the people here for the programme to be relaunced by CM, therefore the administration is waiting for his dates."

An even manager said, "The Hampi by Night programme will showcase the historical monuments at night by using colourful lighting. A small narration will be played explaining the importance of the monuments in both Kannada and English. The main monuments including Eduru Basavanna, Vijaya Vittala temple, Matanga hill can be seen in the light and sound display at night, which is a splendid view."

He added,"They are conducting events such as trekking, dinner, and other activities and they are charging Rs 2,500 k per person. The lighting in Hampi gives such a wonderful feeling to tourists. We will soon start the event."

PUBLIC NOTICE-AUCTION CUM SALE OF PROPERTIES

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1	Mrs. Rekha Jain / Mr. Bharatesh Kumar Jain / Sunil Kumar Jain	Arcil-AST-017-II-Trust	Land Measuring: 39,204 Sq.ft. and Building: 46.544 Sq.ft	29,60,22,390/- as on 26.02.2022	60,00,000/-	6,00,00,000/-	24/03/2022 between 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM	31/03/2022 at 2.00 PM	Physical

Property Description/Schedule:- EQM of land building situated at 2/5, Narayanappana Playa, Off Bengaluru-Tumkuru Road, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, land admeasuring 90 cents (39204 Sq.ft) (38 guntas including 2 Guntas of Kharab) and building area is 46544 Sq.Ft, **East by:** Bhikshudhama Trust property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Raod **and South by:** Bettaiah's Property.

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Sl. No.	Name of the Applicant / Co-Applicant/ Guarantors / Ac.No.	Liability in Rs.
1	**1) Mr. Harish Kumar Sinha,** No.801-A, Hoysala Habitat, Harohalli Bangalore North-560064. **Also at: Mr. Harish Kumar Sinha,** Managing Director, Arkwood Decor Private Limited, No.93 112, Baylakere, Hesarugatta Hobli, Bangalore-560089 **(Borrower/ Mortgagor). 2) Mrs Veena Sinha,** No.103, Nipuna Heritage B Block, 11th B Cross, Kodigehalli, Virupakshapura, Bangalore-560092 **(Co-Applicant/ Mortgager). NPA Date: NPA Date: 08.01.2022; Demand Notice Date: 07.02.2022; A/C No: LTR056104702224, PHR000902285401 & HTR056104702506;**	**Rs.50,96,325.00** (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Five Only) being the amount due **as on 05.02.2022** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): All that piece and parcel of property bearing BBMP Khata No.17 /1/ 17/ 53/ 3/ 1 measuring to an extent of 1,94, 931 Sq.ft situated at Harohalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and **bounded on East By:** property in Sy.No.46/2, **West By:** Property in Sy.No.46/1, **North By:** Property in Sy.No.46/4, remaining portion of Sy No 46/6& lake, **South By:** Road. **Schedule "B" Property: (Property hereby conveyed in favour of the Purchaser):** 765.75 Sq.ft of Undivided share and interest in the Schedule "A" property along with residential Flat No.A-801 ("A" -Block) situated on the Eighth Floor of the Building Known as **"Hoyasala Habitat"** with Vitrified flooring along with 1 (one) car Park Space.	
2	**1) Mr Santhosh Kumar (Applicant),** Kasturi Nivas, Addada Beedi, P.O Vittal Bantwal, Mangalore-574243. **Also at: Mr. Santhosh Kumar,** No.2 A, Jupiter Block, 3rd Floor, Prestige Tech Park, Marthallli Ring Road, Bangalore-560103. **Also at: Mr. Santhosh Kumar,** Residential Apartment No.503, 5th Floor, bearing Mangalore City Corporation Door No.3-81/23, "THUMBAY PLAZA" A Wing, Alake Village, Padil, Alape, Mangalore-575007. **2) Mrs. Deepa Santhosh (Co- Applicant),** Kasturi Nivas, Addada Beedi, P.O Vittal Bantwal, Mangalore-574243. **A/C No: PHR007700274713; NPA Date: 09.06.2021; Demand Notice Date: 07.02.2022;**	**Rs.17,84,920.00** (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Only) being the amount due **as on 04.02.2022** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: Non-agricultural immovable property held on warg right, situated in Alape Village of Mangalore Taluk within the limit of Managlore City Corporation within the registration Sub-District of Mangalore Taluka, Dakshina Kannada District and comprised in R.S. No.107/2A (Part), KISSAM: Converted, EXTENT A-C: 0-49, PORTION: Middle. Together with all mamool easmentary rights, right of way, water etc., appurtenant thereto. **Boundaries: North:** Mangalore-Bantwal Road, **South:** Survey Line, **East:** S.D Line, **West:** S.D Line. **SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY:** Residential Apartment No.503 in 5th Floor bearing Mangalore City Corporation Door No.3-81/23 of the Residential Apartment complex, commonly known as **"THUMBAY PLAZA"** multistoried residential-cum-commercial building situated on "A" Schedule land mentioned herein above measuring 820 Sq.ft super built up area and together with 1.3330% undivided right, title and interest in the said "A" schedule land and common areas and facilities including a Car parking situated at Alape, Padil, Mangalore in R.S. No:107-2A/2B/2C of Alape Village, Mangalore Taluk.	
3	**1) Mr. Mansoor Ahamed,** #223, Black C Anisha Grange, 29th Cross, Kaggadasapura, Near Shiv Temple, Bangalore-560093. **Also at: Mr. Mansoor Ahamed,** Infineon Technologies, No.11, MG Road, Prestige Thirulakshi, Bangalore-560001. **2) Mrs. Meera Sameema Haja Mohsdeen,** #223, Black C Anisha Grange, 29th Cross, Kaggadasapura, Near Shiv Temple, Bangalore-560093. **Also at: Mrs. Meera Sameema Haja Mohsdeen,** Cisco Systems India Pvt. Ltd., Cessna Business Park, Kadubeesan Ahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Sarjapura, Bangalore-560103. **A/C No: PHR051404002629; NPA Date: 07.12.2021; Demand Notice Date: 29.01.2022;**	**Rs.30,24,200.00** (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Two Hundred Only) **as on 24.01.2022** being the amount due on termination of the agreement (this amount includes interest plus penal charges with further interest at the contractual rate of interest till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): SCHEDULE A PROPERTY: All that Immovable property being contiguous and compact block of vacant lands comprised in (i) Survey No.193 measuring 5 Acres (ii) Sy.No.194 measuring 5 Acres 16 Guntas, (iii) Sy.No.195 measuring 5 Acres 1 Gunta (iv) Sy.No.196 measuring 8 Acres 17 Guntas and (v) Sy.No.152 measuring 11 Acres 28 Guntas (including 17 Guntas of 'A' Kharab land, duly converted), in all totally admeasuring 35 Acres 22 Guntas (less areas surrendered to Hosakote Planning Authority) and situated at Bommenahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District duly converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No.BDS/ ALN (E) VB / SR: 397/2004-05, dated March 30, 2005, for non-agricultural residential purposes and **bounded on the: East by:** Road and Land bearing Survey No.192, **West by:** Budhigere-Hoskote Road and Land bearing Survey Nos.171, 136, 135, 134, 179 and 178. **North by:** Land bearing Sy.No.96 and Water Tank, and **South by:** Remaining Portion of Land in Sy.No.152 and the eafter Land bearing Survey No.130 and Nimbekaipura Road. **SCHEDULE B PROPERTY - (Description of the Property hereby conveyed):** 22.20 Sq.mtrs. of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land in Schedule "A" Property. **SCHEDULE C PROPERTY - (Description of the Apartment):** All that Residential Apartment bearing No.12063 situated on Level-6, Fifth Tower-12 in Building-5 of **"PRESTIGE TRANQUILITY"** constructed in Schedule 'A' Property and measuring 722 Sq.feet of super built up area, inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use, with right to use One Covered Car Parking Space in the Basement Floor and the Apartment is presently bearing e-Property No.150200401601623492 in the records of Mandur Village Panchayath, Bangalore East Taluk and the Apartment is **bounded by: East:** Entrance Corridor and Lift Lobby in Level-6, Fifth Floor in Tower-12. Building-5 of "PRESTIGE TRANQUILITY", **West:** Open towards Open Space in Tower-12, Building-5 of "PRESTIGE TRANQUILITY", **North:** Open towards Open Space in Tower-12, Building-5 of "PRESTIGE TRANQUILITY", **South:** Apartment No.12062 in Level-6, Fifth Floor in Tower-12, Building-5 of "PRESTIGE TRANQUILITY". The walls are built out of Hollow Cement Brick and Cement with RCC Roofing and vitrified tile flooring. It is provided with amenities like electricity, water and sanitary connections. The panelled doors and door frames for all doors and windows are of anodized aluminium panels/ UPVC.	
4	**1) Mrs. Suganya subramanian,** #721, 3rd St Fl2, Secaucus Town, New Jersey-07094 -3130. **Also at: Mrs. Suganya subramanian,** 196, KHB Colony, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095. **Also at: Mrs. Suganya subramanian,** Bloomberg LP, 731, Lexington Avenue, New York-10022. **2) Mrs. M esther vasantha,** #30, 2nd Cross, 3rd Block, Dasappa Layout, Rammurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016. **A/C No: PHR022701890057; NPA Date: 09.11.2021; Demand Notice Date: 29.01.2022;**	**Rs.74,69,680.00** (Rupees Seventy Four Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Only) **as on 28.01.2022** being the amount due on termination of the agreement (this amount includes interest plus penal charges with further interest at the contractual rate of interest till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): SCHEDULE NO.1: All part and parcel of the vacant site bearing No.28 bearing Municipal khatha Kaneshumari No.523/494/28, situated at Ward No.20, 4th Division Devanahalli sulebele Road, Devanahalli Town Bangalore Rural District, in the newly formed Layout in land bearing No. survey No.377/2 and 378 situated at Sulebele Road, Devanahalli Village. Kasaba Hobali, Devanahlli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Measuring East to West 40', North to South 30' and the total site measuring 1200 Sq.ft. A total area of 1200 Sq.ft (One Thousand Two hundred SFT only) and together with yards, parts, passages, rights, water resources to the said land appertaining or apurtenant there to and **bounded by: East by:** 30' Road, **West by:** Site No.41, **North by:** site No.27, **South by:** site No.29. **SCHEDULE NO.2:** All part and parcel of the vacant site bearing No.29 bearing Municipal khatha Kaneshumari No.524/495/29, situated at Ward No.20. 4th Division Devanahalli sulebele Road, devanahalli Town Bangalore Rural District, in the newly formed layout in land bearing No.survey No.377/2 and 378 situated at Sulebele Road, Devanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobali. Devanahlli Taluk Bangalore Rural District. Measuring East to west 40', North to South 30' and the total site measuring 1200 Sq.ft. A total area of 1200 Sq.ft (One Thousand Two hundred SFT only) and together with yards, parts, passages, rights, water resources to the said land appertaining or apurtenant there to and **bounded by: East by:** 30' Road, **West by:** site No.40, **North by:** site No.28, **South by:** site No.30. In witnesses where of the VENDOR and PURCHASER have affixed their signatures to this deed here the presence of the witnesses Devanahalli, Bangalore. **SCHEDULE NO.3:** All part and parcel of the vacant site bearing No.40 bearing Municipal khatha Kaneshumari No.535/506/40, situated at Ward No.20, 4th Division Devanahalli sulebele Road, Devanahalli Town Bangalore Rural District, in the newly formed Layout Devanahalli in land bearing No. survey No.377/2 and 378 situated at Sulebele Road, Devanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Deavanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Measuring East to west 40' North to South 30' and the total site measuring 1200 Sq.ft. A total area of 1200 Sq.ft (One Thousand Two hundred together with Yarda parts passages, rights. water resources to be said land appertaining or apurtenant there to and **bounded by: East:** Site No.29, **West by:** 30' Road, **North by:** Site No.41, **South by:** Site No.39.	
5	**1) Mr. Manjunath N S,** No.62, Nadavathi Village And Post, Via Kadugodi, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore-560067. **Also at: Mr. Manjunath N S,** Proprietor, No.218, 2nd Floor, Opposite Sri Ayappa Temple, Kadugodi, Bangalore-560067 **(Borrower/ Mortgagor). 2) Mr. Lakshmi N,** No.62, Nadavathi Village And Post, Via Kadugodi, Hoskote Tq, Bangalore-560067 **(Co-Applicant). A/C No: PHR000906144247; NPA Date: 08.01.2022; Demand Notice Date: 07.02.2022;**	**Rs.2,45,90,213.00** (Two Crores Forty Five Lakhs Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen Only) being the amount due **as on 05.02.2022** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): All that piece and parcel of the Residential bearing portion of Sy.No.39/1A, measuring 4356 Square Feet out of 00-7 Gunats, situated at Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagapallike and bearing Khata No.4917/ 35 8/39, Ward No.160, Bangalore and **Bounded on the: East by:** Remaining Portion of Same Sy.No.39/1A, **West by:** Ideal Homes Society Property, **North by:** Ideal homes Society property, **South by:** Road.	

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EDITORIAL

"We find ourselves in a river. Which of the things around us should we value when none of them can offer a firm foothold?" — Marcus Aurelius

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— Ramnath Goenka

IT'S TIME TO SIMPLIFY THE DIRECT TAX LAWS

The income tax laws are complex in the country as over the years, the government—in order to incentivise certain sections of people, businesses and economic activities—has given several exemptions and come up with special tax rates. Despite the government's several attempts at simplifying direct taxes, not much has been achieved in this direction. It is probably time for the government to overhaul direct tax laws like the way it did for indirect taxes with the implementation of GST. Recently, the revenue secretary, while addressing tax professionals in an event, stressed on the need to rewrite the tax laws to get rid of numerous exemptions and special treatment bestowed on select business activities or individuals.

During the UPA regime, the government had drafted the Direct Taxes Code, which attempted to remove these exemptions. But by the time the third draft was ready, much of the exemptions were back, and the Code was rendered ineffective. It's another matter that the Code could never see the light of the day. The NDA government also tried simplification of taxes—it formed a committee as well—but no far-reaching changes could be brought in. To its credit, the NDA government made a bold move in 2019 towards simplifying corporate taxes by lowering tax rates and phasing out exemptions. Its next attempt was at simplifying income tax laws by announcing new I-T slabs. But so far this has not made much of an impact as the old tax slabs with various exemptions continue. The new tax slabs are optional, and not many seem to be interested in shifting to this regime.

The Centre might try and disincentivise the old tax regime—of fewer slabs and several exemptions—to encourage people to move to the new one. In the meantime, the government might be working on simplifying the capital gains tax rules, bringing a more uniform definition for long-term capital gains and the tax rate on them.

OROP & THE WORTH OF A GOVT ASSURANCE

What is the worth of an assurance given by a government? This question came up in the Supreme Court recently in a case related to one rank, one pension for retired Armed Forces personnel. During the course of argument, when the advocate representing defence personnel pointed to a number of assurances and commitments given by the government within and outside Parliament on OROP, the Additional Solicitor General (ASG) N Venkataraman responded by saying that statements made in the House were not legally enforceable. "Moral obligation is not the same as legal right," he said, and added that financial constraints faced by the government have forced a reassessment.

The ASG's statement and the apex court's comments have opened discussion on the foundational values of democracy. Democracy functions on trust. It starts with politicians and parties presenting before the people their agenda in the form of election manifestos. People trust political parties to fulfil the programmes and promises included in their manifestos. There is no law to enforce electoral promises. But there exists a bond of trust. It may not be a legal duty of a political party to implement its election promises, but it has a moral obligation to do so because people reposed faith and trust on their policies and promises and voted for them. For a government to suddenly turn around and say that just because it is not legally binding, it would not honour the promises it has made from various forums, including from the floor of the House, is a breach of trust. The present government came to power promising OROP in its election manifesto.

Parliament has well-established protocols for monitoring government assurances given from the floor. There is an assurance committee for each House, and a well-laid-out system for timely implementation of assurances. However, as the ruling party has a majority in such committees, it often turns a blind eye to government assurances. Now Justice Chandrachud has said that "for any statement made on the floor of the House, accountability lies within Parliament". In practice, however, it appears there is no accountability either within or outside the House. What is moral is not legally binding and hence is open to "reassessment".

Politics in the country is far removed from the concerns of the common man. He languishes and is often manipulated to vote for change

KEJRIWAL EPITOMISES AMORAL NATURE OF INDIA'S POLITICS

SOURAV ROY

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In the run-up to the Punjab election, we have seen different shades of politics being played out. An ex-chief minister, just before the end of his second term, gave up his longstanding affiliation with the Congress and joined hands with the BJP—a turnaround he justified on the basis of scant respect and humiliation at the hands of the Congress leadership. Without analysing whether or not Amarinder Singh was justified in doing so, one is amazed at the flexibility with which political affiliations can be changed and ideological positions thrown into the dustbin. This shows that today's politics has become an enterprise where ideology has no role to play.

The Congress responded to Amarinder by choosing Charanjit Singh Channi as chief minister, perhaps on caste considerations, hoping to resurrect the party from the shock of an established leader leaving it. The BJP welcomed Amarinder's gesture when he reached out to it after his resignation from the Congress. It was apparent that the BJP would fund the alliance with Amarinder and contest a larger number of seats in Punjab, something that it could never have negotiated had the alliance with the Akalis not fallen apart. The Akali Dal, having held the reins of power on many occasions, never allowed the BJP the space to be a significant player in Punjab. With the Akalis withdrawing from the alliance with the BJP, this was an opportunity for the latter to extend its base in the state. The Akalis on the other hand, with significant presence in Punjab, in alliance with the BSP, are hoping to cash in on the Scheduled Caste votes. Last of all, Arvind Kejriwal's AAP has the advantage of being an untested player in the fray without any baggage.

This shifting of alliances, sans ideology, is the bane of Indian politics. We have seen this being played out in other parts of the country as well.

The amoral nature of politics in India is best reflected in the antics of Arvind Kejriwal. He offers to the people of Punjab an honest government claiming that he is not power hungry and that he has sworn to end corruption in the state. The same Kejriwal was at the forefront of the "India Against Corruption Movement" from August 2011 till August 2012, building a political base on the shoulders of Anna Hazare. He proclaimed that his was a movement to cleanse the politics of corruption, which he termed "people's politics".

Kejriwal at that time had said, "I will never fight elections in my life and I do not want to hold any post in my life. I have no political ambitions." Yet on 3 August 2012, riding on popular support, he announced the formation of a political party. In November 2012, he formed the AAP, contested the Delhi Assembly elections in December 2013 and became the chief minister. This reflects the true measure of the man and the nature of his politics. He catapulted himself into national politics by contesting the 2014 Lok Sabha elections from Varanasi against the current prime minister. Having lost, he again contested the Delhi Assembly elections in February 2015 and became chief minister for the second consecutive term.

He delivered yet another gem when he said, "If Anna will sever ties with our political party, I will also do the same." While Anna Hazare severed ties and asked Kejriwal not to use his name or photograph while campaigning for the 2013 Delhi Assembly elections, Kejriwal didn't keep his word. As for corruption, the Lokpal Bill passed by the Delhi Assembly was not in line with the Jan Lokpal Bill that he once championed. Indeed, the issue of corruption for him now is on the back burner. It had to be as he is aware that 38 of the 62 MLAs of the AAP have serious criminal charges against them, even more than that of the BJP, and 73% of those MLAs are crorepatis. His own internal Lokpal remained non-existent after he sacked Admiral L Ramdas without assigning any reasons. He made unsubstantiated charges against members of political parties and then apologised fearing possible prosecution.

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In December 2013, in a letter to Delhi Police, Kejriwal stated, "I do not need any security, I do not need any escort. ... God is my biggest security." After becoming chief minister, he apparently lost faith in God and in 2018, passed a resolution in the Delhi Assembly targeting the Centre for "failing to ensure the security of an elected chief minister". In February 2021, AAP's spokesperson, Saurabh Bhardwaj, accused the Centre of reducing Kejriwal's security cover. This doublespeak is the trademark of many political leaders.

Recently in Punjab, he said, "Our CM candidate Bhagwant Mann does not have any money. Mann is very honest ... when a person becomes MLA in Punjab, he can acquire big cars and house but Mann has been MP for seven years and still stays in a rented house." This echoes what Kejriwal had said in 2013 before the Delhi Assembly elections when he claimed that the AAP was against VIP culture and that when he becomes the CM, he would live in a humble accommodation and would not avail the official car; that elected representatives should live in a one-bedroom flat instead of expansive bungalows and junk security cover. Within two days of his taking oath, he requested not one but two five-bedroom official bungalows adjacent to each other. Kejriwal now lives in an official bungalow at Civil Lines and it is learnt that a tender worth ₹8.61 crore was awarded on 17 October 2020 for carrying out additions and alterations.

Now he is offering freebies to the people of Punjab—300 units of free and uninterrupted power supply, waiver of pending electricity bills and ₹1,000 per month to women—if his party is voted to power.

So much for the state of politics in this country! Our politicians are past masters at doublespeak. They seldom mean what they say. The shifting of alliances, the absence of ideology, crass opportunism and caste politics, a heady mix, is far removed from the concerns of the common man. He languishes and is often manipulated to vote for change.

(Tweets @KapilSibal)

GLOBAL GEOPOLITICAL SHIFTS AND THE TAIWAN CRISIS

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ASIAN AXIS

From the first week of February, the world has watched with bated breath as global geopolitical shifts have rapidly evolved, culminating with the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24 after all efforts at negotiation made little headway. While the writing on the wall was fairly evident in how President Vladimir Putin would respond to Russia's concerns over Ukraine's impending NATO membership, particularly as the 2008 Georgia and the 2014 Crimea incidents reveal, the actual moves on the ground still left the international community in a state of shock.

For the first time since the end of the Cold War, the European security architecture is fully under threat as Putin has even warned about the use of nuclear weapons in dealing with any kind of a retaliatory response from the international community in Ukraine. Since Ukraine is still a non-NATO power, this leaves little political option other than the use of sanctions against Russia, which has already begun. The Ukraine crisis escalation takes place in the aftermath of the China-Russia Summit held earlier this month at the opening of the Winter Olympics 2022. Understanding the consequences of strengthening China-Russia ties and its implications for the reshaping of the global order is necessary, for it critically impacts not just Europe but also the immediate neighbourhood.

The China-Russia summit identified the core areas on which Beijing and Moscow would stand in support of each other against the US and its western allies, a harbinger of the approach during the Cold War. Even as the US-China rivalry was being touted as a new Cold War, the emphasis on the ideological divide was seen as less significant given that the level of economic integration between Washington and Beijing was extremely high. When the Cold War ended with the collapse of the Soviet Union, the imagery of the 'end of history' propounded by Francis Fukuyama spoke of the victory of the liberal order, which was seen as the prevailing global order, leading to greater democratisation politically and an economically open system. Increasingly, the authoritarian states, represented by countries like China and Russia, are looking at the imminent decline of the US as the natural end of the liberal order while the rise of the illiberal order is once again evident. Moreover, the economic shift eastwards is clearly visible. China's rise makes it the second largest economy globally and is today capable of challenging the US presence both in the regional and global order. The visible dichotomy is revealing how the authoritarian countries have used economic leverage while the space for political change remains negligible. As this rivalry widens, the impact on the normative approaches to the global order are constantly being challenged.

The China-Russia summit had two key elements that make it distinct—first, it identified that the relations between the two had 'no limits', indicating the trajectory of support given to one another. Second, it highlights that there are 'no forbidden areas' of cooperation. A close reading of the Joint Statement of the China-Russia summit provides clear evidence of the support that Beijing extended vis-a-vis the Russian opposition to the expansion of NATO. Even though there is no clear reference directly on the Ukraine issue, the mention of NATO expansion is indicative of the position China has taken on the Ukraine crisis. The official statements of China blaming the US for furthering a Cold War mentality and its refusal to identify the Russian action as an invasion clearly indicate where Beijing stands on the matter.

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The larger implication of the Chinese position has an impact on how regional shifts may evolve, particularly on the Taiwan issue. The Joint Statement between the two countries also addresses the Taiwan question, where Russia is clear in supporting the One China policy. It emphasises that Russia views the island as "an inalienable part of China and opposes any forms of independence of Taiwan". This has raised larger concerns over Taiwan's security, particularly as the Joint Statement is very critical of the AUKUS agreement in the Indo-Pacific region. China's position on Taiwan has always been in violation of the island's sovereignty. It has never acknowledged the existence of Taiwan. Significant shifts have been visible in recent times with regards to how China has been opposed to the growing US-Taiwan relations, even as Beijing's ties with Washington have consistently deteriorated. This has brought to focus the implications of the bilateral relations on issues of regional security in East Asia.

If the war escalates in Europe, which is a likely possibility, Taiwan will become a frontline state as China may stand in support of Russian actions against the West—which implicates the larger security interests in the Indo-Pacific as well. China's increasing ruthlessness in dealing with political views that oppose the CCP's approach is evident within the country, particularly with the pro-democracy movement in Hong Kong. Whatever special status concerning Hong Kong was agreed upon in 1997, it has now been revoked under increasing pressure from Beijing. This limits the scope for an exceptional status based on the historical realities under which Hong Kong was ceded to Britain. In January, China also enacted new border laws that implicate the regions of Arunachal Pradesh and its security relations with India. New Delhi finds itself on a foreign policy fault-line as the complex bilateral ties it shares with all three systemic powers comes into glaring focus. As geopolitical shifts become starker, Chinese assertions over areas it considers as its "rightful" space historically will have implications on the immediate region too.

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Principles & compulsions

By abstaining from voting on the UNSC resolution to deplore Russian aggression in Ukraine, the country missed a chance to reiterate its principled policy against the use of raw power by militarily advantaged nations. Had India done so despite her compulsions to adopt an equidistant stand, she certainly would have gained friends in her attempts to checkmate Chinese hegemony in her neighbourhood.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Civilians are the victims

War is terrible and it is a bloody business, literally. After the insurgency in Afghanistan last year, once again the world is witnessing a war, and this time Ukraine is shedding blood. In every war, it is innocent civilians who become the victims of the invading forces. For those callous and hardened political leaders, power and wealth matter, and not humanity and emotions.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

Hunger for power

The Russian attack stands condemned by the people of the world, despite official stands of governments. This is thanks to modern technology where unlike in the past, the world can now see the graphic pictures of war and the sufferings of the people including little children on TV. No right-thinking person will support the invasion. Hunger for power can blind countries to the miseries faced by man, so world bodies should be able to stop wars in future. For that new laws have to be formulated to ensure peace or the world will destroy itself.

Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

RBI made a mistake

About two weeks ago, the RBI reiterated its accommodative stance that began about two years ago. This was despite the fact that war in Ukraine appeared imminent, along with the steep increase in Brent crude oil price and the signals from the US Fed. A neutral stance was needed and the RBI is now well behind the curve as oil, commodity and metal prices have ballooned with the outbreak of war. The central bank will do well to revisit the situation by calling for an emergency meeting of the MPC.

Girija Kumar, Chennai

Govt pay for party cadre

The cancerous growth has grown manifold with the blessings of all parties (*Pension no way to reward party cadre*, Feb 25). It is unethical to employ party cadre and pay them salaries and pensions for their service to the master. The right step would be to delink their salaries from the public coffer. But it is highly likely that the Governor's words will be ignored.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Another series win

The middle order led by Shreyas Iyer, Sanju Samson and Ravindra Jadeja packed a punch as India knocked the wind out of the Sri Lankan sails in the second T20I to take an unassailable 2–0 lead in the three-match series. With the series in the bag, Team India would do well to give other players a chance to prove their mettle in the final T20I.

NJ Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Mayawati @Mayawati
After last 4 phases of voting, opposition parties have lost their sleep and senses. Now, they are trying to mislead voters through various rumours

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
Yet another shocking incident of a candidate being shot. Manipur never witnessed pre-poll violence & intimidation. State govt has lost its grip on law

Sambit Patra @sambitswaraj
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ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2022 DECIDE

Dhami confident of getting majority

DEHRADUN: Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami expressed confidence that the incumbent BJP would get majority in the 70-member Uttarakhand Assembly to form the government. "We are going to form government in Uttarakhand as people have put faith in the BJP. The Congress is going to shrink to 10 or fewer seats," said Dhami. His statement comes after claims of former CM Harish Rawat about Congress winning 45 plus seats in the hill state.

Yogi govt added 40% to UP's debt: PC

LUCKNOW: Asking the people to think about what they are voting for, Congress leader P Chidambaram on Sunday said that the Yogi Adityanath model of government has made the state poorer and has added 40 per cent to the state's debt. Chidambaram said that the Congress' slogan "Ladki Hoon Lad Sakti Hoon" has added a new dimension to the goal of gender equality. "What are you voting for?" He sought to know from the people

OBC bigwigs face credibility test

As UP polls enter final phases, backward class leaders have to prove allies can gain from them

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AS the caravan of Uttar Pradesh Assembly election moves eastward, the stature of OBC stalwarts, their political credibility and their grip on the ground will be put to test. Both BJP and Samajwadi Party have hoards of leaders belonging to the backward class making tall claims about being the representatives of their respective castes. Even many of them are in the fray in battleground UP.

This time, OBC leaders like OP Rajbhar of Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party, Swami Prasad Maurya and Dara Singh Chauhan have left the saffron juggernaut to ride the cycle of Samajwadi Party.

In the previous Assembly election in 2017, Rajbhar was in alliance with the BJP and was also a minister in the Yogi Adityanath cabinet. He parted ways in 2019 and is now a part of the alliance led by Akhilesh Yadav's SP.

Similarly, other faces such as Swami Prasad Maurya and Dara Singh Chauhan have joined the Samajwadi camp deserting the BJP just ahead of the elections.

A glance at the poll scene in the east makes it clear that final two phases of the Assembly elections will test the might of these OBC bigwigs in the opposition camp while the influence of the likes of Anupriya Patel, Apna Dal(S) chief and Dr Sanjay Nishad, NISHAD party chief — both BJP allies — will also be at stake not only in their constituencies but also in neighbouring seats.

Union minister and OBC leader Anupriya Patel's Apna Dal (S) is contesting 17 seats

Starting with BJP allies, Anupriya Patel, part of the Modi cabinet and chief of Apna Dal (S), is deemed to be one of the tallest leaders of Kurmis dominating on a number of eastern UP pockets.

In the 2017 Assembly election, BJP had left 11 seats for Apna Dal (S) and the party had won nine of them securing 39.21 per cent votes. This time, the share of seats given to Apna Dal (S) has been increased to 17 by the BJP. As a result, it will be incumbent upon Anupriya to win all those seats for the saffron alliance.

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Proceeding further, Dr Sanjay Nishad, coming from the community of boatmen and heading the NISHAD party, had gone it alone in the 2017 polls. He had fielded candidates on 72 seats claiming that Nishads had their influence on 160 seats of eastern Uttar Pradesh and that no party could win elections without their support. However, the party could muster only 3.58 per cent votes and win just one seat — Gyanpur. This time, NISAHD party has been able to get 16 tickets from BJP's kitty.

Similarly, OP Rajbhar of SBSP, who floated the party in 2002, remained in oblivion till it could open account in 2017 after striking an alliance with the BJP. The Rajbhar's party won four of the eight seats it was given by the BJP in 2017. However, in this election, SBSP is contesting on 18 seats in alliance with the SP.

Rajbhar is in fray from his traditional seat Zahoorabad in Ghazipur district of eastern UP facing a triangular contest from Kalicharan Rajbhar of BJP and Shadab Fatima of BSP. Though the reach of SBSP has gone up as it has fielded candidates on a dozen and a half seats, Rajbhar has the challenge of not only sailing through in his own constituency but also ensure victory of his candidates.

As per the political pundits in the state, Rajbhar population has a sway over 25-26 seats in eastern UP.

Swami Prasad Maurya and Dar Singh Chauhan, the two leaders who claim to be the representatives of OBCs, have to pass through a trial by fire.

Both the leaders had switched over to the BJP in 2016 and had won their respective constituencies of Padrauna and Madhuban as BJP candidates in 2017. They graduated to become the ministers in the Adityanath cabinet for five years only to desert the saffron camp just ahead of the Assembly elections claiming suppression and subjugation of OBCs and SCs in BJP rule.

Now both Maurya and Chauhan have changed their constituencies and are in fray from Fazilnagar in Kushinagar and Ghosi in Mau respectively. They have the challenge to prove their credentials of being strong OBC faces by winning their seats and also helping the SP win other seats of their influence.

60 TOTAL SEATS | VOTERS | 38 FIRST PHASE SEATS

12,22,713

MALE VOTERS 5,93,262
FEMALE 6,29,276
TRANSGENDERS 175

Candidates: 173 (15 women)

RESULT 2017 (OF THE 38)
BJP 18
CONGRESS 16
NPP 2
LJD 1
TRINAMOOL 1

PROMINENT CANDIDATES Chief Minister N Biren Singh (BJP), Speaker Yumnam Khemchand Singh (BJP), senior minister Thongam Biswajit Singh (BJP), former Congress chief Konthoujam Govindas (BJP), Deputy CM Yumnam Joykumar Singh (NPP), former minister Nemcha Kipgen (BJP), Congress president N Loken Singh, Sheikh Noorul Hassan (NPP)

Stakes high for BJP in Manipur poll today

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Imphal

THE stakes are high for the ruling BJP as it faces a multi-cornered contest when 38 of Manipur's 60 seats go to polling booths in the first phase of Assembly election on Monday.

Twenty-nine of these seats are spread across three Imphal Valley districts and the nine others lie in three hill districts. The BJP and the Congress had won 18 and 16 of these seats, respectively, in 2017.

The elections will be fought against the backdrop of allegations by the Congress and the National People's Party (NPP) that the BJP used tribal militants to threaten the voters in some hill districts.

The Congress had on Saturday petitioned the Election Commission demanding immediate action as the banned Kuki National Organisation, which is a conglomerate of militant groups, openly committed its support to the BJP.

Over the past two months or so, there have been a series of poll-related violence. The father of NPP's Andro candidate was fired upon by suspected militants. He escaped with injuries.

Election officials travel to a polling station in Manipur on Sunday | TWITTER

JD(U) BETS BIG ON DESERTERS FROM BJP

The Janata Dal -United is dreaming big after several BJP leaders, including some sitting and former MLAs, and retired bureaucrats joined its ranks. Unlike in the past, people are now talking about the party

The BJP clearly has an edge over others but it suffered a virtual split due to ticket-related issues. A number of its leaders, including MLAs, deserted the party after missing the poll bus. They are contesting the polls on the tickets of Congress, NPP and Janata Dal (United).

The people on the streets of Imphal Valley say the BJP's prospects dimmed as it deprived tickets to some deserving candidates. Some, with their eyes fixed on the chief minister's chair, allegedly favoured their loyalists looking at post-poll scenario when the support of the MLAs will be crucial. The BJP is more visible compared to other parties but the general perception is that the polls will throw up a fractured mandate as in the previous election. In 2017, the BJP had won 21 seats compared to the then ruling Congress' 28 but managed to cobble up the numbers and formed a coalition government.

Now, the BJP and the NPP have fallen apart. In the event of a hung House, the BJP is expected to seek the support of ally Naga People's Front and JD (U). As for the Congress, despite being hit hard by the defection of half of its MLAs, mostly to the BJP, over the past five years, the party's 13-14 sitting MLAs are likely to get re-elected.

One party to watch out for this election will be the NPP. It is expected to give the BJP and the Congress a run for their money in a number of seats, if the "threats" issued to some NPP candidates and workers by the militants are anything to go by. In 2017, the NPP had contested in nine seats and won four. All four MLAs were inducted into the ministry in return for the party's support to the BJP. Buoyed by that success, the NPP is contesting in 39 seats this election.

The BJP is hoping to retain power by playing the development card. But unemployment and alleged corruption in the government are major poll issues. Then there are the issues of price rise, black marketing of urea, lack of infrastructure, etc. in the hill districts.

Will serve Kashi till last breath: PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Varanasi

GALVANISING the BJP workers to put their might and win eastern Uttar Pradesh for the saffron brigade in the two final phases of the UP Assembly polls, PM Narendra Modi on Sunday reiterated his conviction to "serve the people of Kashi (Varanasi) till his last breath". This has cleared all doubts regarding Modi contesting the next Lok Sabha polls from Varanasi.

Addressing the 'Booth Vijay Sammelan' of BJP workers from 13 districts of eastern UP in Varanasi, the PM fired a fresh salvo at the opposition, stating that during the inauguration of Kashi Vishwanath Dham Corridor, some people (Opposition) had "publicly prayed for his (Modi) death". The PM was apparently referring to a swipe by Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav.

"Some people in politics had stooped so low that they were publicly praying for my death. I was content to see that even they have realised how much affection do the people of Kashi shower on me. This means that till death, neither will I leave Kashi nor will Kashi and its people leave me. I will be the most fortunate, if I die while serving Kashi. I will be luckiest, if I die serving the devotees of Baba Bholenath," he said.

POWER GAMES

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FUTURE TENSE

SREEDHARAN'S FAULTY METRO MATH

Looks like the laurels bestowed on E Sreedharan were excessive, if not misplaced. The 'Metroman' had claimed that the rail infrastructure he was building would last a hundred years. Similar projects in other countries did serve the people for over a century. London Underground, for instance, has been operating since 1890. The Paris Metropolitain, Istanbul Tunnel, Berlin U-Bahn, Madrid Metro, New York Subway have all been serving the people for over a century now. But Metro planners in India have shown a clear lack of foresight and even technical expertise. Delhi Metro, for example, built stations for eight coaches. But due to increased traffic, many trains are now running with 12 coaches. Experts say some routes desperately need 18 coaches. But while the overground stations can be expanded to accommodate longer trains, underground stations have no such provision. Top sources in Rail Bhawan say, Sreedharan was aware of the traffic projections, but refused to build longer underground stations saying the cost would be too much. As a result, Delhi is stuck with a Metro that is barely being able to serve the present. On the engineering side, Metro pillars in the marshy areas of Kochi city have started tilting. This has created a huge scare among city residents. The quality of Metro construction is a matter of huge debate in Kerala these days with people hauling Sreedharan over the coals.

FIVE-STAR PLAN

POLL-EVE G20 MEET AND ITPO'S MISSED DEADLINES

India will take over the G20 Presidency on December 1, 2022, from Indonesia and convene G20 leaders' summit in the fourth quarter of 2023. As per Osaka declaration, India was slated to host the summit in 2022. Indonesia was the next host. But India swapped places with Indonesia. No reasons were offered. But Indonesian foreign minister said India wanted the change and Indonesia agreed as the G20 Presidency in 2023 would have overlapped with Indonesia's Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) Presidency in the same year. So, on the eve of 2024 general elections, New Delhi would host 20 top world leaders including Biden, Putin, Xi Jinping, Trudeau, Macron, etc. The Indian Trade Promotion Council (ITPO) under the ministry of commerce has been given the task of building a world class facility, including a convention centre, in central Delhi's Pragati Maidan. The project has, however, already missed two deadlines. As per the initial plan, it was to be ready in 2018. Then the deadline was set at 2020. Efforts are now being made to complete it before the G20 summit next year. There was also a plan to build a five-star hotel within the complex. This was to ensure hassle-free travel for the VVIPs to the convention venue as well as to avoid traffic snarls in New Delhi. The contractor for the convention centre, Shapoorji Pallonji, is also building the Central Vista. Covid has left Delhi NCR's labour force highly depleted. The work on the two projects, therefore, is not progressing at the desired speed. As a result, the plan to build a five-star hotel is as good as shelved, and ITPO is racing against time to at least complete the main convention centre at Pragati Maidan.

TURKISH DILEMMA

TATAS HIT AIR POCKET OVER NEW AIR INDIA CEO

Ilker Ayci's close links with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in the past has come to haunt him. Ayci was recently named by Tata Sons as the chief executive officer of Air India, which has been taken over by the company. Immediately after the appointment, pictures of Erdogan attending Ayci's wedding was splashed across Indian newspapers. For Ayci to assume charge, he has to first get security clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs. Sources said that the government was not keen on allowing 'Erdogan's friend' to run a large airline in India. The Modi government has had a frosty relationship with Erdogan, who has been taking the Pakistani line on Kashmir and has consistently been a thorn in India's flesh.

Impact of expressway on dolphins to be studied

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

WILL the Centre's ambitious Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway impact dolphins, soft-shelled turtles, otters and gharials in the Beas and the Kali Bein Conservation Reserves in Punjab?

The Union environment ministry has sought comments from the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) on the proposal.

The project by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) was considered by the standing committee of the National Board for Wildlife (SC-NBWL). The proposal is for using 20.4 hectares of land for the construction of five bridges as part of the expressway. It is expected to reduce the distance between Katra and Delhi by nearly 150 km.

During the meeting, the Chief Wildlife Warden (Punjab) informed that three of the bridges will be built across Beas river and the other two across Kali Bein.

The panel was informed that the area is rich in dolphins, soft-shelled turtles, and otters and gharials have also been released in the reserves. While the committee was told that pillars of the bridges will not be laid in the river so that animal movement is not restricted, the committee suggested the WII may be requested to provide comments on the proposal.

JD-U candidate shot at, injured in Manipur

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Imphal

UNIDENTIFIED miscreants in Manipur fired at a candidate of Janata Dal (United), leaving him grievously injured. The police said the incident occurred Saturday midnight when the victim, Wahengbam Rohit Singh who is contesting from the Kshetrigao seat, was returning home after poll-related activities.

Three bullets hit him. He was admitted at the ICU of a private hospital in Imphal. The miscreants had come from two different directions riding two motorcycles. The assailants fled the scene before the security personnel accompanying Singh could react.

Singh's family members and supporters said he was targeted as he stood a good chance of winning the polls.

VOTE BUGLE IN VILLAGE OF TWINS

VIPIN KUMAR & AMIT KUMAR

MOHAMMAD REHAN & MOHAMMAD HASSAN

Prayagraj's Mohammadpur Umri is called a 'village of twins'. Local people say there are about 30 pairs of twins in the village, where around 1,000 people live. Villagers say, over the years, several experts have visited the village, taking blood and saliva samples, to understand the phenomenon. Outsiders sometimes call it a "haunted village". The village went to polls on Sunday | PTI

FARHAN ALI & IMRAN ALI

Railways to equip freight wagons with GPS system

NEW DELHI: In a belated yet much-needed move, the railways has decided to equip the rolling stock of freight wagons with GPS to monitor their real-time movement and provide information to the parties booking the wagons. In the initial phase, the railways plans to install the system in the wagons being used on the dedicated freight corridors. A highly placed railway source said funds to the tune of ₹600 crore have been allocated to complete this ambitious project. The government has made provision in the latest Union Budget for this project. "The consignees can trace the location of wagons booked by them online. This would be first time such an ambitious project would be attempted on the wagons," a senior railway official said. *ENS*

INDIA-US DRONE DEAL ON

Discussions on the sale of 30 Predator armed drones by the US to India, the first to a non-NATO ally, at an estimated cost of $3 billion are at an advanced stage, multiple sources have confirmed

₹10cr BUDGET — OKAYED BY RAJASTHAN FOR CAMEL REARING

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	25	14	Mumbai	33	24
Bhopal	31	14	Panaji	30	22
Jaipur	28	16	Patna	30	13
Amritsar	20	10	Lucknow	27	15
Chennai	33	24	Port Blair	31	26
Kolkata	32	20	Imphal	27	08
Srinagar	11	03	Chandigarh	28	12

Indian students claim thrashing by Ukraine guards

Kicked, dragged and phones snatched by Ukrainian forces while trying to cross over to the other, allege students stranded in conflict zone

ANKITA UPADHYAY @New Delhi

THERE has been growing distress calls from Indian students stuck at Ukraine-Poland border claiming that they were 'manhandled' and 'ill-treated' by the Ukrainian security personnel allegedly because India did not condemn the Russian invasion at the UN Security Council.

Many of these students, who were stuck for over 72 hours in freezing cold conditions, alleged that they were kicked, beaten up, dragged and some even had their phones snatched from them.

According to Sandeep Kaur, the Ukrainians were earlier allowing some students to cross but later stopped them from entering Poland.

"I was waiting along with my brother and some of our friends in a group. First, the officials asked us to stand in a line and we did. Later they asked the girls to make a separate line... They then let me cross the border while my brother waited on the other side. When my brother said that he too is in the queue, they dragged and beat him with a baton," Kaur told this correspondent.

The student rued that there was none from the Indian Embassy to coordinate with the Ukrainian authorities at the border. "After we crossed the Poland border, we met Indian embassy officials but there was none on the Ukrainian side. Boys on the Ukrainian side have been manhandled badly. Now my brother is returning to his college hostel along with his friends as the situation has worsened."

'No one from embassy to coordinate'

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According to Monisha Kalburgi, a student of Lviv National Medical University, some of her friends returned from the Poland border. Ukrainian personnel are unhappy that India favoured Russia, she claimed, adding that this was the reason for the ill-treatment.

Another student told this newspaper, "We left at 4 am in the morning from Ternopil. The Indian Embassy had informed that Poland border is open and we can leave, but at the border we were stopped by the Ukrainian Army."

"The temperature is three degrees. People are falling sick. When we called the Polish embassy, they asked us to call the Kiev Embassy which told us to coordinate with the Polish Embassy," another student said.

A student hugged by a family member on her return from Ukraine in Ahmedabad on Sunday; Those evacuated from Bucharest arrive at Delhi's IGI Airport | PTI

2k Indians evacuated under Op Ganga: Shringla

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE government has launched a multi-prong 'Operation Ganga' under which about 2,000 Indian nationals were evacuated so far from Ukraine, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said on Sunday.

Shringla said he had held separate meetings with the Ukrainian and Russian ambassadors while assuring the stranded citizens that they would be evacuated.

India began evacuation on Saturday with the first flight bringing 219 people from Bucharest to Mumbai in the evening. The next two flights from Bucharest and Budapest with 250 and 240 passengers landed at Delhi at 2.45 am and 9.20 am on Sunday. Another flight Romanian capital with 198 Indians reached at 5.35 pm.

As Ukraine has closed its airspace for civilian aircraft, India is banking on land routes to evacuate its citizens who are being directed to Bucharest and Budapest for airlift. The MEA, meanwhile, set up 24x7 control centres to assist Indians for reaching the border crossing points of Poland, Romania, Hungary and Slovakia. It also has launched a dedicated Twitter helpline to assist Operation Ganga.

Giving details, Shringla informed that the exit point to Poland was clogged with lakhs of Ukrainians and foreigners. "This is a problem area." Indians near Hungary, Romania and Slovakia were being guided towards the border points in phases, he said.

"We are aware of a number of Indian citizens, particularly students, who continue to be in cities in the east and south-east of Ukraine. Unfortunately, these areas are live conflict areas and it is generally deemed unsafe to move around freely."

The foreign secretary said that around a thousand Indians were already flown out of Romania and Hungary and another 1,000 evacuated from Ukraine through land routes. Nearly 2,000 Indians were in Kyiv and many of them have begun to move westward, he said.

Shringla said the Indian embassy in Ukraine suggested that those who are located in eastern areas including Kyiv should start moving westwards to avoid the areas of conflict.

Border control centre numbers

Control centres to assist in Operation Ganga for evacuation of Indian nationals from Ukraine. The following 24x7 Control Centres have been set up to assist in the evacuation of Indian nationals through the border crossing points with Poland, Romania, Hungary and Slovakia.

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Nadda Twitter handle hacked

New Delhi: In yet another instance of hacking, BJP national president J P Nadda's official twitter handle was hacked and compromised early on Sunday morning, from which multiple tweets seeking crypto currency donations for war-hit Ukraine as well as assistance to Russia were posted. The unknown hackers tweeted both in Hindi and English. The purported hackers also changed the name of Nadda's twitter profile cryptically to 'ICG OWNS INDIA'. The official twitter handle of PM Narendra Modi was also briefly hacked in December last year. The I&B Ministry handle was also hacked on and renamed as 'Elon Musk'.

Gujarat ferries students from capital by road; Bihar to bear travel expenses

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA/ RAMASHANKAR @Ahmedabad/Patna

MANY Indian students hailing from Gujarat have returned to the safety of their families from Ukraine in the past day. On Sunday, students from across the state, including Vadodara, Surat and Ahmedabad, have been flown down.

Twenty-one students returned to Vadodara, six students have returned to Surat while some students from Ahmedabad arrived at the GMDC auditorium here around 1 pm. Leaders, including the state education minister, arrived to welcome them.

Gujarati students stranded in Ukraine have arrived safely in New Delhi at 4 am on Sunday via a specially launched rescue flight. "To bring students back to Gujarat, we have sent two multi-axle buses, each capable of accommodating 45 persons, but for Delhi, since the distance by road is greater, we have not sent any buses there. Instead, we have tied up with the Uttar Pradesh transport corporation which has agreed to deploy its buses and ferry our students to the state," said a Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation officer.

Six students from Chernivtsi city of Ukraine have reached Surat. they were received at Surat Circuit House.

Thirteen reach Patna

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced on Sunday that the state government would ensure that the Bihar students coming from Ukraine reached their homes safely.

Talking to the media, the chief minister said that the officials have been instructed to make proper arrangements for the students' travel to their respective home towns after alighting at the airports in the country from Ukraine.

According to a rough estimate, around 18,000 students of Bihar were pursuing medical courses from various medical colleges in Ukraine. On Sunday, altogether 13 students, mostly girl students, alighted at the Patna airport.

While seven students boarded the flight to Patna after landing in New Delhi, the remaining six students arrived from Mumbai. Authoritative sources said that five more students are likely to reach the state capital by an evening flight from the natinal capital.

Ghulam Nabi Azad's nephew joins J&K BJP

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

CONGRESS veteran Ghulam Nabi Azad's nephew Mubashir Azad joined the BJP on Sunday, saying that the Congress was now a divided house riddled with factional wars.

"I had been associated with the Congress since my childhood. I have seen only fighting and indifference in the Congress. Even today, the Congress party is divided in factions. There is only infighting and no work is going on at the ground level in the party," he told the media after joining the BJP in presence of J&K BJP president Ravindra Raina in Jammu.

The youth leader from Doda said work is going on at ground level ever since Modi became the prime minister of the country. The way the Congress treated its senior leader and former chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad has hurt the sentiments of the public, he said.

Incidentally, Azad is part of the 'group of dissenters' in the Congress and has been sidelined by the party brass.

An elderly woman being helped as she arrives to cast her vote at a polling station at Balurghat in West Bengal on Sunday | PTI

Policeman suffers bullet injury in sporadic Bengal poll violence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

WEST Bengal witnessed sporadic incidents of violence on the day of the civic elections in 108 municipalities across the state on Sunday.

Bullet was fired, bombs were hurled indiscriminately and stones were pelted targeting police. A police officer received bullet injury in North 24 Parganas after miscreants opened fire and two others in uniform were injured by brickbats hurled in the violence. The police also resorted to tear gas shelling at many places.

The BJP and the CPI(M) accused the ruling Trinamool Congress cadres of flexing muscles. The BJP called for a 12-hour strike on Monday in protest against the violence. The TMC, however, announced that they would take out protest marches in every block across the state in protest against BJP's bandh.

Altogether 797 persons were arrested on the basis of specific complaints. "Other than a few stray incidents, the civic polls were conducted peacefully by the police," director general of police Manoj Malviya said.

Expressing his concern, Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar asked the state election commissioner to brief him on Monday.

A clash between the supporters of the TMC and the CPI(M) broke out at Kamarhati municipality area in North 24 Parganas after the ruling party allegedly brought outsiders in a vehicle with a board written police on it. Another police officer was injured at Dhulian when the violent supporters pelted stones.

Cong may elect new national chief in Sept

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE differences among two Congress-ruled states over allocation of coal blocks came up for discussion during a meeting chaired by former party chief Rahul Gandhi with Chhattisgarh chief minister Bhupesh Baghel and Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot with both sides keeping their views and seeking an early redressal.

The meeting also saw a discussion on ongoing elections in five states and the party's internal elections that will culminate in the election of the new party chief by September end.

Sources said that Gehlot came knocking at the party high command's door as the Baghel government has been delaying permission to coal blocks allocated to Rajasthan for power projects. Gehlot last year wrote to Congress chief Sonia Gandhi regarding the same, seeking a redressal.

During the meeting, Baghel clarified that the coal blocks fall in tribal areas of Sarguja and Bastar in his state.

MANN KI BAAT

'India doing its best to fly stolen antiques back'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

INDIA has been successful in bringing back over 200 stolen antiquities and idols in the last seven years, PM Narendra Modi said on Sunday.

"The history of each of our idols also depicts the influence of their times. Not only they are a wonderful artistic example of Indian sculpture; our faith is also connected with them. But, in the past, many idols were stolen and kept being taken out of India," the PM said in his radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat', adding that it has become the responsibility of government to bring back all the stolen idols and antiques.

"Till 2013, nearly 13 idols had been brought back to India. But, in the last seven years, India has successfully brought back more than 200 precious idols. Many countries such as America, Britain, Holland, France, Canada, Germany, Singapore have understood the sentiment of India and helped us to retrieve these idols."

The PM highlighted the return of an idol of Avalokiteshvara Padmapani from Italy that was stolen from Kundalpur temple in Bihar's Gaya district. Another case was the 700-year idol of Lord Anjaneyaa Hanuman – stolen from Vellore in Tamil Nadu – that was brought from Australia.

Modi also outlined the importance of mother language in the context of the recently celebrated International Mother Language Day (Feb 21). Indians are proud to be associated with 121 forms of mother tongues and 14 of these languages are spoken by more than 1 crore people, he said.

Govt to rename places in tune with local culture

The names of places, both urban and rural in Assam, which do not reflect the state's culture, will soon be tweaked. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the government would invite suggestions. The government wants to ensure that the names of cities, towns or villages should ideally represent its culture, tradition, civilisation, etc. Netizens were quick to give suggestions. Some suggested that the British-era names of Digboi and Margherita be retained. The two towns are linked to the birth of coal and fuel in the state. Interestingly, the Congress said the CM is trying to replicate his UP counterpart, Yogi Adityanath.

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GUWAHATI DIARY

Scam unearthed in Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme

A massive scam pertaining to the Central government's flagship Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme has been unearthed in Assam. After the state government admitted that over 11 lakh persons have been wrongly given the benefit in an affidavit, a division bench of Gauhati High Court asked it to file a detailed status report. Earlier, an NGO, Amguri Naba Nirman Samity, had filed a PIL in connection with the scam. Stating that the issue raised is genuine, the Advocate General said the government is making efforts to probe the matter and recover the money from the bogus beneficiaries. The government initiated legal proceedings against some officials found involved in the scam, the Advocate General said. The next hearing has been scheduled for April 5.

NCC cadets enthrall old-age home inmates

The inmates of Pramod Talukdar Old Age Home in the city were delighted when the cadets of 47 Assam R&V Sqn NCC visited the place and carried out a social service activity under the guidance of Col Shomir Bhatnagar, the Commanding Officer of the unit. After serving refreshment to the inmates, the cadets entertained them with cultural activities. The inmates also participated in it with joy and enthusiasm. Dr Bibeka Saikia, dean, College of Veterinary, Khanapara said the larger aim of the programme The old age home was gifted wheel chairs, a fully automatic washing machine, hot and cold water dispensers.

IIT to chip in for state's development

The state government will collaborate with the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT, Guwahati) in various fields related to the development of the region. On the opening of a mining department at IIT, Guwahati, Prof T G Sitharam, director, IIT, Guwahati said the institute would be glad to contribute mainly in areas of exploration of mines and minerals, commerce and entrepreneurship development, involvement of drones in various sectors, transport sector – inland water transport, water buses, etc. Research and technical guidance to harness natural resources will be imparted.

27
people have been killed in four separate attacks by jihadists in northeast Nigeria since Friday, sources said on Sunday

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	14	0	LC	Los Angeles	22	8	SNY
Colombo	33	23	LC	Melbourne	27	17	LC
Dhaka	31	20	SNY	Moscow	3	-3	LC
Dubai	27	19	SNY	New York	4	-1	LC
Houston	20	3	SNY	Singapore	29	26	TDS
Istanbul	9	2	HR	Toronto	-1	-3	LC
London	12	7	LR	Washington	11	-2	LC

UKRAINIANS RETURN TO DEFEND HOMELAND

Some 22,000 people have crossed into Ukraine since Thursday when Russia invaded the country, says Poland's Border Guard; many are still standing in line

MEDYKA

WHILE hundreds of thousands of refugees are leaving Ukraine amid Russia's attack on the country, some Ukrainian men and women are returning home from across Europe to help defend their homeland.

Poland's Border Guard said Sunday that some 22,000 people have crossed into Ukraine since on Thursday, when Russia invaded the country. At the checkpoint in Medyka, in southeastern Poland, many were standing in a line early Sunday to cross into Ukraine.

"We have to defend our homeland. Who else if not us," said a moustachioed man in front of a group of some 20 Ukrainian truck drivers walking to the checkpoint to enter Ukraine. They came from across Europe to return to Ukraine. Another man in the group said: "The Russians should be afraid. We are not afraid."

A man in his 20s, who said his first name was Denis, said he had been working in Poland but was returning to Ukraine where his "everything" is. "I'm on my own here in Poland. Why should I be here? So I go, for the homeland," Denis said.

Lesa, a woman in her 30s, said just before entering the checkpoint building: "I am afraid, but I am a mother and want to be with my children. What can you do? It's scary but I have to."

Another young woman said she, too, was returning to take care of her children, so that Ukrainian men can defend the country. "We have to, we Ukrainians have to take our children away ... to allow our boys to fight," she said.

A woman hugs a Polish volunteer named Jedrzej, 34, waiting to cross the border to go and fight against Russian forces at Medyka border crossing, in Poland | AP

> **I am returning (to Ukraine) to take care of my children, so that Ukrainian men can defend the country. We have to, we Ukrainians have to take our children away ... to allow our boys to fight**
>
> An Ukrainian woman

On Ukraine's side of the border, a man was directing those arriving to a place where cars and buses were waiting to take them onward.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was staying in the capital, Kyiv, boosting the morale of Ukrainian fighters as Russian troops were closing in on the city and huge explosions lit up the sky early Sunday. Zelenskyy has banned men of military age, 18 to 60, from leaving the country. Ukrainian authorities have also called on foreign volunteers to come and fight in Ukraine's defense. *AP*

Ukraine forms int'l brigade to fight Russia

Kyiv: President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Sunday urged foreigners to head to Ukrainian embassies worldwide to sign up for an "international brigade" of volunteers to help fight invading Russian forces. "All foreigners wishing to join the resistance against the Russian occupiers and protect global security are invited by the Ukrainian leadership to come to our state and join the ranks of the territorial defence forces," Zelenskyy said. "A separate unit is being formed from foreigners — the International Brigade of the territorial defence of Ukraine. This will be a key testimony of your support." He insisted that Ukrainians were courageous enough to face Russia alone, but said: "This is not just a Russian invasion of Ukraine, it is the beginning of a war against Europe". *AFP*

As Ukraine resists, West & other allies step up aid

Many countries have started to send military or humanitarian aid to Ukraine since the Russian invasion. The United States, Canada and 18 European countries have so far responded to urgent Ukrainian appeals for military equipment. Here is a look at some such major announcements. *AFP*

UNITED STATES
Washington said it is sending an extra $350 million in military aid to Kyiv to bring its total support to more than a billion dollars over the last year. "This package will include further lethal defensive assistance to help Ukraine address the armoured, airborne, and other threats it is now facing," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said. On Sunday, Blinken announced $54 million in new humanitarian aid to be spent through NGOs.

CANADA
Canada is sending lethal military weaponry to Ukraine and loaning Kyiv half a billion Canadian dollars ($394 million) to help it defend itself.

BRITAIN
Prime Minister Boris Johnson says he is committed to "provide further UK support to Ukraine in the coming days", without specifying what it might be.

GERMANY
Berlin has broken a longstanding taboo of not exporting arms to conflict zones in vowing to send Ukraine 1,000 anti-tank weapons, 500 "Stinger" surface-to-air missiles and nine howitzers. It is also donating 14 armoured vehicles and 10,000 tonnes of fuel.

FRANCE
France, which has already sent help, is dispatching more military equipment as well as fuel. Paris says it has acted on earlier Ukrainian requests for defensive anti-aircraft and digital weapons.

BELGIUM
Belgium says it will supply Ukraine with 3,000 more automatic rifles and 200 anti-tank weapons, as well as 3,800 tons of fuel.

GREECE
Greece, which has a large community in Ukraine -- 10 of whom have been killed with many more in the firing line, is sending "defence equipment" as well as humanitarian aid.

CZECH REPUBLIC
Prague said it is sending 4,000 mortars "in the next few hours" as well as an arsenal of 30,000 pistols, 7,000 assault rifles, 3,000 machine guns as well as scores of sniper rifles and a million bullets. The Czechs had already promised Kyiv 4,000 mortars worth 1.5 million euros ($1.6 million) which have yet to be delivered.

SPAIN
Madrid has promised to send 20 tonnes of aid to Ukraine, mostly medical and defensive equipment such as bulletproof vests.

ITALY
Rome has sent 110 million euros ($123 million) in immediate aid to the Ukrainian government as "a concrete sign of our support," Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio tweeted.

PORTUGAL
Portugal is giving Ukraine night vision goggles, bulletproof vest, helmets, grenades, ammunition and automatic G3 rifles.

ROMANIA
Bucharest -- which shares a border with Ukraine -- is offering to treat the wounded in its 11 military hospitals as well as sending fuel, bulletproof vests, helmets and other "military material" worth three million euros ($3.3 million).

ISRAEL
Israel says it is sending 100 tonnes of humanitarian aid such as medical equipment, water purifiers, tents and sleeping bags.

NETHERLANDS
The Dutch defence ministry says it is sending "200 Stinger missiles as soon as possible", after a shipment Saturday of sniper rifles and helmets. It adds to the 20 million euros ($22 million) of humanitarian aid it has already promised.

Several detained as Russians organise anti-war rallies amid threats by Putin

MOSCOW

FROM Moscow to Siberia, Russian anti-war activists took to the streets again on Sunday to protest Russia's invasion of Ukraine, despite the arrests of hundreds of protesters each day. Demonstrators held pickets and marched in city centres, chanting 'No to war!' as President Vladimir Putin ordered Russian nuclear deterrent to be put on high alert, upping the ante in the Kremlin's standoff with the West and stoking fears of a nuclear war.

Protests against the invasion started on Thursday in Russia and have continued daily ever since, even as Russian police have moved swiftly to crack down on the rallies and detain protesters. The protests on Sunday appeared smaller than the ones that took place on Thursday, the first day of Russia's attack in Ukraine, when thousands of people rallied in Moscow and St Petersburg, but their true scale was hard to assess.

Police officers detain a demonstrator during a protest against Russia's invasion of Ukraine in central Saint Petersburg on Sunday | AFP

In St Petersburg, where dozens gathered in the city centre, police in full riot gear were grabbing one protester after another and dragging some into police vans, even though the demonstration was peaceful and no violent incidents have occurred. *AP*

Thousands attend protest march in Berlin

BERLIN

MORE than 1,00,000 people attended a Ukraine solidarity march in Berlin on Sunday, police said, with many protesters dressed in the blue and yellow colours of the Ukraine flag.

Police estimated the turnout at "at least a low six-number figure", while organisers of the march said half a million had turned up. Bearing posters like "no World War 3", "Stop the killer", or "Berlin at 640 km from the frontlines", the protesters massed at the Brandenburg Gate, a stone's throw away from the Russian embassy. "It is important to me for Germany to show it is standing for democracy in Europe," said Hans Georg Kieler, who had turned out at the demonstration. *AFP*

Actor-president grows on stage as war-time leader

KYIV

VOLODYMYR ZELENSKYY was at the height of his career as an actor and comedian before giving it all up to become president in 2019. After three difficult years in politics, he is now the face of national defiance, winning rave reviews as a war-time leader.

Since Russia's invasion last Thursday, the 44-year-old has used his eye for modern image management and the skills honed on stage to deliver stirring messages on social media.

On February 25, the day after the outbreak of war, he filmed himself standing in the dark near the presidency building with his advisors, saying "we are all here" in an attempt to counter disinformation that he had abandoned his post. Looking sleep-deprived but occasionally smiling, he appeared without a bullet-proof vest or helmet despite repeated warnings that Russia intended to assassinate him and had even sent undercover hit squads to the capital. The day after, this time in daylight, he posted another self-filmed video in front of the presidency in a khaki t-shirt and jacket. The messages were appeals for national unity. *AFP*

Germany rewrites its defence, foreign policies

BERLIN

CHANCELLOR Olaf Scholz on Sunday announced a major shift in Germany's foreign and defence policy, as Russia's invasion of Ukraine forces it to ditch decades of reluctance in raising its military profile.

Haunted by its post-war guilt, Germany has always treaded lightly and quietly on the world stage when it comes to conflicts. But at an emergency parliamentary sitting on Sunday, Scholz, who himself had been accused of dawdling on the Ukraine crisis, said: "With the invasion of Ukraine, we are now in a new era."

> **With the invasion of Ukraine, we are now in a new era. Europe's biggest economy will also from now on — year after year — invest more than 2% of gross domestic product in our defence**
>
> Olaf Scholz, German Chancellor

Hours after Germany dramatically reversed its ban on lethal weapons exports to conflict-zone by announcing huge shipments to Ukraine, Scholz said 100 billion euros will be earmarked for investments for the army in 2022 alone. The financial bazooka for the Bundeswehr should be written in the German constitution, he said.

Europe's biggest economy will also "from now on — year after year — invest more than 2% of gross domestic product in our defence," said Scholz.

The commitment goes above the 2% target fixed by NATO, overturning years of under-investments that had put Germany in the crosshairs of its allies.

Heavy criticisms levied by former US president Donald Trump against former chancellor Angela Merkel over Germany's failure to meet NATO targets had marked the years of transatlantic relationship. But Scholz said Putin's assault has made clear that "Germany will have to invest clearly more in the security of our country." "The aim is a powerful, state of the art, advanced army that protects us reliably."

Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock said: "The rules that we have set ourselves must not take us away from our responsibility. If our world is a different one, then our policy must also be different."

Germany said it was delivering 1,000 anti-tank weapons and 500 "Stinger" class surface-to-air missiles from its Bundeswehr stocks to Ukraine, in a break with its ban on lethal armament exports to conflict zones. It will also boost troops in NATO's eastern flank. *AFP*

Nations ban Russia from 'democratic skies'

Paris: Countries across the world are banning Russian planes from transiting through their airspace in protest over Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Britain's Friday announcement that it was placing a ban on Russian private jets from UK airspace was followed by similar measures from a majority of European countries as well as Canada.

UN: 3,68,000 Ukrainian refugees have fled

Geneva: The United Nations' refugee agency says the latest count of Ukrainians arriving in neighbouring countries stands at 3,68,000 and continues to rise. The update from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees on Sunday more than doubles its estimate a day ago, when it said at least 1,50,000 have fled Ukraine into Poland and other countries. *AP*

Ukraine lodges ICJ case against Russia

Kyiv: Ukraine has lodged a complaint against Russia at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague to get it to halt its invasion, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said. "Russia must be held accountable for manipulating 'genocide' to justify aggression," Zelenskyy tweeted. "We request an urgent decision ordering Russia to cease military activity now," he said. *AFP*

Death toll from Indonesia earthquake rises to 11

JAKARTA

RESCUERS on Indonesia's Sumatra island retrieved more bodies Sunday from a strong earthquake two days ago, raising the death toll to 11 while another 400 were injured and thousands displaced. The body of the latest victim was recovered from the rubble of homes toppled by the magnitude 6.2 earthquake that shook West Sumatra province on Friday morning, said National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesperson Abdul Muhari.

Six people died in Pasaman district and another five in neighboring West Pasaman district, he said. Rescuers were still searching for four villagers believed to be buried under tons of mud that tumbled down from the surrounding hills in Bukit Lintang village in Pasaman.

People gather in a tent to avoid aftershocks in West Pasaman, Indonesia's West Sumatra province on Sunday | AFP

Nearly 400 people were injured by the earthquake whose tremors were felt as far away as Malaysia and Singapore, and about 42 people were still receiving treatment, Muhari said. More than 13,000 people fled their homes to temporary shelters, and over 1,400 houses and buildings were damaged, Muhari said.

Indonesia is frequently struck by earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis because of its location on the 'Ring of Fire,' an arc of volcanoes and fault lines that arcs the Pacific. The last major 6.2 magnitude quake was in January 2021, when at least 105 people died and nearly 6,500 were injured in West Sulawesi province. A powerful Indian Ocean quake and tsunami in 2004 killed nearly 2,30,000 people in a dozen countries, most of them in Indonesia. *AP*

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₹35,506 cr — Total amount withdrawn by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) from the Indian markets in February, according to depositories data

INVESTING LESSONS FROM A LETTER

RAJAS KELKAR

IT is that time of the year when the sage of Omaha speaks. Legendary American investor Warren Buffett writes to shareholders once a year while presenting the company's annual report. The letter is a yearly ritual for his fans and followers. There are discussions on things he says in those letters, from gold to interest rates, besides value creation and destruction issues. Over the weekend, he wrote his 58th annual letter. For many people, it is a lifetime.

Depending on your objectives, you can interpret his letter to shareholders. We will focus on investing and personal finance lessons you can take for managing your finances for this column.

While explaining the $144 billion cash and cash equivalents, Buffett says in this year's letter that $120 billion is held in the US Treasury Bills, all maturing in less than a year. The company accounts for 0.5% of the publicly held national debt. His target is to keep more than $30 billion worth of cash and equivalents at any point in time. "We want your company to be financially impregnable and never dependent on the kindness of strangers (or even that of friends). He argues that he and his partner Charlie Munger wish to sleep well at night and want their creditors, insurance claimants and shareholders to do so too.

Their minimum cash holding threshold set is $30 billion. Berkshire Hathaway is holding way more cash than needed. He attributes that to a lack of exciting investment opportunities, among other things. The personal finance lesson is that 'Cash is king'. Having a good amount of liquidity in the bank sets you up for opportunities. Buffett uses his cash judiciously to buy businesses when prices are low. However, when prices are high, the company lies low and does not rush to deploy the surplus. In the case of your finances, you need to identify investments that are reasonably valued. You need not deploy surplus cash into risky assets like equity shares because you have surplus cash. If you regularly follow financial markets, you know that there are instances when share prices fall sharply for reasons other than company fundamentals.

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For example, the share prices of many large-cap Indian companies corrected sharply over the past few weeks. A primary reason for that is the fear of a sharp spike in the inflation rate in the US and other wealthy countries. The Russia-Ukraine crisis adds more fuel to the fire. If you go by the commentary on corporate results for the quarter ended December 2021, most Indian companies have managed to meet market expectations on profits or exceed them. While the outlook for equities may not be as spectacular in 2022 as in 2021, no forecast suggests businesses' earnings would do poorly.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Direct investing is not for all. However, if you do that regularly, building a sizeable cash reserve makes sense. To become a meaningful investor in the stock market, you need to be ready to invest when the opportunity opens up.

The immediate challenge for the young and those looking to invest is managing a monthly surplus. Warren Buffett leads a frugal life. He was not a technology wizard like many other wealthy billionaires in America. Instead, Buffett has invested in businesses at the right time. For example, in 2008, at the peak of the global financial crisis, he turned into an aggressive buyer and picked up sizeable stakes in some marquee US banks. He bought shares of these entities when nobody wanted to buy banking sector shares. He also realised the importance of value created by other businesses over the years. A 5.6% stake in Apple accounts for nearly half of Berkshire's investment portfolio of $350 bn.

Price is what you pay, and value is what you get. For nearly 60 years, Buffett has followed that mantra to get rich slowly.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The largest IPO of India is all set to hit Dalal Street by mid-March. it is the largest in the insurance space in India.

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The insurance giant has issued **2.1cr individual life policies** in India.

LIC's AUM is over **3.3 times** of all private life insurers in India.

LIC has **2,048** branch offices, **8** zonal offices and **113** divisional offices.

LIC has over 13.4L individual agents.

LIC is the largest domestic institutional investors (DII) in equities, accounting for nearly **30%** of all DII AUM in the Indian market: UBS

LIC IPO: How policyholders can apply

Various brokerage firms are expecting the LIC IPO size to be upwards of ₹80,000 crore

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

EVER since the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India announced its initial public offer (IPO), there has been growing interest not just among brokers or investors but also among policyholders to participate in the offering. Since LIC is the largest company in the insurance space in India, retail investors are waiting for March (LIC is likely to launch the IPO in the first or second week of March) to pour their money into the biggest Indian IPO.

Various brokerage firms are expecting the IPO size to be upwards of ₹80,000 crore. In terms of premium, LIC's market share is above 64.1% and in terms of new business premium, its market share is 66.2%. There is special reservation of 10% of the issue size for policyholders, and it is also expected that the insurance giant will offer a discount on issue price exclusively for the policyholders.

Since policyholders need to link PAN with existing policies, all brokerage firms and investment platforms have been sending mails to their clients on how to link the same so that they can avail benefits under the policyholder category.

How to apply for LIC IPO?

You can login through your stockbroker's investing portal on the mobile application or website and simply apply for the IPO. Rakesh Singh, CEO, Fisdom Stock Broking, says, most digital-led stockbrokers have an intuitive journey and given the popularity of the IPO, chances are that digital banners of the same will be plastered over all prime real estate. It will be easier to navigate to the IPO application process.

Applications Supported by Blocked Amount (ASBA) is another convenient route where there is no requirement to hold balance in a demat account. Instead, you can just block the application amount till allocation in your savings account itself. Some banks offer the ability to link the demat through their internet banking portal and complete an ASBA-based application through the internet banking portal itself.

Another option is to use UPI as payment method while applying through your stockbroker. You will need to ensure that the UPI ID is linked to your account and must authorise the UPI mandate request, he adds.

Since policyholders are showing enormous interest, brokerage firms are capitalising on it. Edelweiss Partners says the LIC IPO will offer an opportunity to activate customers who have not traded in a while, and this is a good tool to reactivate such customers.

LIC has over 28 crore policy holders and life funds of worth ₹34.3 lakh crore. According to LIC's draft red herring prospectus (DRHP), over 3.16 crore shares are on offer. Also, it offers a separate reservation for its employees under the Employee Reservation Portion that will not exceed 5% of its post-offer equity share capital.

Religare Broking says, IPOs in general have been receiving increased traction from investors as quality companies look to hit the bourses.

Moreover, strong performance on a listing day is also luring investors to participate. LIC is experiencing even more investor interest due to strong brand connect, leadership position in the fast-growing life insurance industry and huge policyholder base.

LIC policyholders will get preferential allotment for the reserved quota. Does this imply that all policyholders will get the allotment? Religare explains that all IPO applicants get complete allotment, only in cases where the total number of bids are less than or equal to the number of shares being offered. Likewise, only in cases wherein bidding by policyholders is lower or equal to the reserved quota, all prospects may get the share.

28 crore — LIC has over 28 crore policy holders and life funds of worth ₹34.3 lakh crore. According to LIC's DRHP, over 3.16 crore shares are on the offer.

So, if you are a policyholder and when you apply for the IPO, it doesn't imply that all those who applied will get the allotment.Also, one can make only one application in the policyholder category. "Even if a person has multiple policies, he can only make one application," says Mohit Mehra, Head IPO, Zerodha.

He adds that a policyholder can also apply in the individual investor category. "Although the individual investor application will not be allotted at a discounted price, it will increase the probability of getting an allotment in the IPO," says Mehra. Are there any ways to increase the chance of allotment? Religare says the process is secured by SEBI and you cannot ascertain the outcome prior to the announcement. "The best approach should be to ensure the accuracy of the application and apply at a cut off price," it adds.

Investment limit for retail investors

The maximum investment limit is ₹2 lakh distinctly for applications under retail, policyholder and employee categories.

For instance, a policyholder can apply for shares worth a maximum of ₹2 lakh under the policyholder category and an additional ₹2 lakh under the retail category.

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Ukraine crisis: Big market voices sound caution

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MARKET mavens cite the ongoing Ukraine war and sanctioning of Russia as factors which could make markets choppier in the days ahead.

The immediate impact facing energy-dependent countries such as India is seeing the spike in crude oil to seven-year highs, due to fears of near-term supply constraints arising from the conflict. While India witnessed Brent rising to a record $148 a barrel on July 11, 2008, the rupee back then traded at around 43 to the dollar against the current rate of 75.3 . That clearly impacts the customer and companies as it stokes inflationary expectations, which could reflect on the stock markets. Brent, which topped $105 a barrel on Feb 24, has since cooled to $97.93 , but uncertainty lies ahead.

"Volatility will be the order of the day," Nilesh Shah , MD, Kotak Mahindra AMC, told ENS. "It is tough to predict the outcome of war, but our worry is elevated energy prices. Higher energy price widens the CAD, increases Inflation and lowers growth. While we have ability to bear higher oil prices, nevertheless it will impact us adversely and markets will try to adjust the prices to reflect that." The Nifty plunged 815 points through 16247.95 on February 24, marking Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Fear gauge India Vix hit a year high of 33.97 on that day. And though it cooled off to 26.74 a day later, a reading above 20 indicates high uncertainty. "The Ukraine war will have an impact on commodity costs , especially crude, which in turn will affect inflation and margins in the short to medium term," said independent market analyst Ambareesh Baliga. "Whenever such sanctions have been imposed in the past, the reversal takes much longer even after the issue is settled. The only silver lining could be the possibility of Rupee trade with Russia. Markets have bounced as sanctions did not include energy and the US/Europe did not get involved militarily. But these levels may not last long and could get sold into due to uncertainties as well as expected liquidity outflows."

Inflationary expectations

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Some market experts don't expect the sanctions and rising oil to harm EMs like India materially. "Removing some Russian banks from SWIFT is unlikely to materially impair the wealth of assets that the Russian leadership has built up across the world even as that country has managed to strengthen economic ties with China," said Saurabh Mukherjea, founder and CIO, Marcellus Investment Managers.

"Our economy is recovering well from the pandemic and corporate profitability is improving faster than expected. We have borne higher oil prices in the past and will absorb the present rise."

MONEY-WISE

KEEP YOUR DEATH FILE READY

RECENTLY I lost a friend - about 8 months ago. He was an investor who did his own investing, but he would call me once in a while to have his invested. He had NEVER invested in a mutual fund if I said NO. If I said yes, he would still do due diligence, and then decide NOT TO invest, but my NO was a no.

Once he died, I did speak to his wife, but since I did not know her enough, I did not talk about the investments that he had made. It was too early too, I thought.

Make no mistake, he was 66 years of age, so the grief was a little subdued - but as usual (these days) his mother being alive was the real tragedy.

Recently my friend's brother spoke to me and said that his sister-in-law had lost a lot of money in a PMS scheme and what I knew about the investments? ??I was surprised that they had put money in a PMS - when you have only ₹4 crore, an investment of ₹50 lakh in one PMS scheme did not make sense. I told him that. He thought that she was ASKING me before investing. I clarified that I was not an 'adviser' and was just helping him with his queries.

He was himself a finance person and he knew what to do.His wife had gone to a friendly neighbourhood Adviser - and sorry to say - he had virtually torn the portfolio to shreds. She now had a PmS, a Unit Linked Pension plan for herself and her son. The son was a little challenged and was not very capable of looking after his own money.

My friend had made no arrangement for how the corpus had to be invested - and he kept postponing the problem. He did not look very concerned - but I will now not pass value judgement. It is too late anyway.

The new advisor had asked her to invest in direct equities (he was a broker of course), put money in an equity PMS, and had taken Unit Linked Pension plans with a lot of equity. This was not the portfolio one would recommend to a 65 year old housewife with almost zero level of understanding of investing.

This story leads us to the most important thing - the family should know what is happening to the finances. When I say family I mean husband, wife, and the children. There is no reason why the financial planning exercise should not be done at home - or in the advisor's office.

His brother assumed that since the person who died used to ask me, I was his advisor. His wife assumed that if she went to an advisor he would keep her interest at the top of his mind. She knew that her brother-in-law was in the US and could not add much value. I did not talk too much to her - except for an occasional hello and bye. Her portfolio is now almost in the ICU. It needs a lot of help.

Do not let this happen to your family. Do pay attention to communicate well to everybody around - wife, kids, parents. Keep your will and 'Death file' ready.

Make sure your family knows who is the advisor and for what - CA, portfolio adviser, lawyer - and please explain your portfolio and the role of each one of these advisors.

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EXPRESS READ

MCA to enter co complaints in electronic registry

New Delhi: To curb possible instances of unauthentic communications targeting stakeholders, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has directed Registrars of Companies and Regional Directors to enter all complaints received against companies and LLPs in the ministry's registry. Once the details are entered in the electronic registry MCA21, then a Service Request Number (SRN) is generated for the particular complaint and the same will be used in all communications related to that case.

NPCI focus to expand RuPay credit card base

New Delhi: The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is focussing on gaining new customers to expand the indigenous RuPay-enabled credit card base, as the retail payments umbrella body is still a new entrant in this space, a top official of the company said. "If you look at the credit cards, we moved into the market recently and we look at the market share of new customers. In the past 18 months, around 12-15% of the new issuances (credit card) is happening on RuPay," NPCI Chief Operating Officer Praveena Rai told PTI in an interaction.

Grover loses arbitration against gov review

New Delhi: BharatPe co-founder and managing director Ashneer Grover has lost an arbitration that he had filed against the company's investigation against him, with an emergency arbitrator holding that there was no ground to stop governance review at the fintech firm, sources said, reports PTI. Grover, who last month went on a two-month leave of absence following allegations of using abusive language against Kotak Mahindra Bank staff, had filed an arbitration plea with the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC).

Govt to provide capital support mostly to weak Public sector banks

WEAK public sector lenders like Central Bank of India and Punjab & Sind Bank will get the lion's share of the ₹15,000 crore earmarked for capital infusion in state-owned banks for the current fiscal.

This will help these public sector banks (PSBs) meet regulatory requirements.

The capital infusion of ₹15,000 crore would go mostly to banks which had got money through non-interest-bearing bonds in the previous year as the RBI had raised some concerns on the fair valuation of these instruments, sources said. As per the RBI, the net present value of infusion made last year through zero-coupon bonds is much lower than face value as they were issued at discount, the sources added.

These special securities with tenure of 10-15 years are non-interest bearing and valued at par. Such bonds usually are non-interest bearing and issued at a deep discount to the face value. So, the effective Tier 1 capital levels for the banks could be lower than the regulatory requirement.

According to India Ratings and Research, fair valuing of the equity infused by the Government of India (GoI) in five PSBs last year through zero-coupon bonds could lower the banks' effective Tier 1 capital levels in the range of 50-175 basis points than reported.

Earlier this month, Punjab & Sind Bank got board approval to raise equity capital worth ₹4,600 crore by issuing preference shares to the government. This would help the bank augment capital to the required level and save it from coming under the prompt corrective action (PCA) framework.

Similarly, sources said, the decision for the quantum for other banks would be taken in March and subsequently funds would be infused. The net worth of zero coupon bonds could be lower by almost 50 per cent at end-FY'22 at the outset than similar maturity government papers in the market, given they do not carry any interest, India Ratings said.

PTI

Boxers Nitu, Nikhat claim gold medals

Indian boxers Nikhat Zareen and Nitu clinched gold medals at the 73rd Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria on Sunday. Nikhat bagged her second gold medal at the event with a 4-1 win in the women's 52kg final. Nitu outpunched Italy's Erika Prisciandro, reigning Youth World Championships bronze medallist, 5-0 in 48kg final.

DEEPTI: INDIA'S TRUMP CARD

Versatility with bat & ball makes southpaw crucial to India's plans at the World Cup

GOMESH S @ Chennai

IF asked about who holds the record for the highest individual score by an Indian in Women's ODIs, nine out of ten would say Harmanpreet Kaur's 171n.o without blinking an eye. However, it is Deepti Sharma, who smashed 188 against Ireland in 2017 as an opener. In the five years since, a lot has changed with respect to the Indian team and Deepti's role in it. But, the one thing that remains a constant is the value she brings to the team, especially in the 50-over format.

Predominantly a top-order batter in domestic circuit for Bengal, Deepti has been used at various positions for India over the years and that reflects in numbers as well — 1720 runs at 36.59 in ODI format. More than the batting, her role with the ball has been crucial for India and she has been exemplary till the pandemic struck.

Indian spinners' struggle in the last 12 months is no new news, and Deepti was no exception. With five wickets in ten matches, she averaged 76.80 in 2021. It seemed like teams played her out comfortably without giving any wickets. She came under scrutiny and rightly so, with the World Cup coming up.

Cut to the bilaterals against New Zealand, she looked a different bowler. Right from the lone T20I, Deepti was making inroads in different stages of the game and finished the ODIs as leading wicket-taker with 10 scalps in 5 games. She had toiled hard during the off-season and was reaping rewards. "I did a lot of single stump bowling, and focused on getting my loads up to find my rhythm, once I did that, it was all about using the variations right," Deepti said after the fourth ODI.

Former India cricketer Nooshin Al Khadeer felt that Deepti has evolved for the better. "When you are new in the circuit, things could go your way, but with years, teams figure you out. It happens to every player and what's important is how to shape it up from there. Glad to see Deepti has worked on it," said Nooshin.

It's not just the bowling that stood out as Deepti amassed 116 runs at 38.66 and a strike-rate of 80.55. While the southpaw is predominantly a leg side player, it was evident that she had opened her stance a bit to focus on her off-side game during her unbeaten 69 in the third ODI against New Zealand. "Generally, I used to bat with a side-on stance. I worked on handling short balls and my off-side game as well and it's been helpful," she said.

Though Deepti got out early on Sunday in the warm-up match against South Africa, her role in maintaining the team combinations is crucial. In the 2017 ODI World Cup where India reached the finals, Deepti made 216 runs and took 12 wickets. For India to replicate a similar performance this time, they need their premier all-rounder at her best, contributing the way she did against New Zealand.

BRIEF SCORES: India 244/9 in 50 ovs (Kaur 104) bt South Africa 242/7 in 50 ovs (Luus 86; Gayakwad 4/46).

ICC WOMEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP NEW ZEALAND 2022
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DAYS TO GO

CSK academy for children

ENS @ Chennai

CHENNAI Super Kings will be establishing the Super Kings Academy, a cricket coaching centre for both boys and girls. The Super Kings Academy will first function at Chennai and Salem. Then it will expand across the state and beyond over the coming years.

The facility in Chennai will be located at Thoraipakkam, while the one in Salem will be at the Salem Cricket Foundation.

The academies will begin this summer from April 2022 and operate throughout the year, the franchise said in a statement. Registrations to join the academy are now open. Parents can enroll at www.superkingsacademy.com "We have been involved with cricket for five decades and believe this is an ideal way to give back to the sport. This will be the right opportunity for us to share our experience and help nurture the next generation of cricketers," said KS Viswanathan, CEO Chennai Super Kings. The BCCI certified coaches will train the kids at the academy.

Pooja wins historic silver

PTI @ Dubai

ROOKIE para archer Pooja Jatyan on Sunday scripted history as she became the first Indian to win silver in an individual section of the Para World Championships. Pooja lost to Italian Petrilli Vincenza in the summit clash to end her dream run with a silver medal. Eyeing to become the first woman archery world champion at the senior level, the 24-year-old from Gurugram was up against Tokyo Paralympics silver medalist from Italy in the final.

Tajinder, Abha take top prize

AGENCIES @ Patiala

SHOT-PUTTERS Abha Khatua, who gave up heptathlon to focus on one event, and Tajinder Pal Singh Toor grabbed the spotlight in the inaugural National Open Throws Competition 2022 here on Sunday.

The 26-year-old Abha became only the third Indian woman shot-putter to breach the 17m mark when she claimed gold with a 17.09m effort. Abha joined two Manpreet Kaurs, separated by a six-year age gap, in the 17m club. More significantly, she went past the Asian Games qualifying standard laid down by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI).

Manpreet, the national record holder who has gone past the 17m mark in 10 competitions between 2015 and 2017, finished second on Sunday with 16.74m.

TARGET IN SIGHT

The ISSF World Cup in Cairo began on Sunday with men's 10m air rifle event (relay). This is the first big event for the shooters this year. A few talking points...

NEW FORMAT & COMPETITION

The ISSF introduced a new format (valid from January 1, 2022) and the shooters will have to get used to the same to the earliest. Moreover, with stiff competition within the national camp, the players will be determined to make this chance count and make their cases ahead of big events — Asian Games & World C'ships — later this year. Also, it should be noted that players have not had proper practice until recently because of Covid and were part of the camp since February 9.

CHANCE FOR YOUNG GUNS

Because of the pandemic, some of the familiar faces like Manu Bhaker missed out as the NRAI was unable to conduct the selection trials (as per plan). In her absence, the young guns like Rhythm Sangwan (25m sports pistol) and Esha Singh (sports pistol & air pistol) will be looking to make an impression. Saurabh Chaudhary is among the contenders and will look to maintain his reputation of being a serial winner.

EYE ON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The World C'ships will be held at the same venue later this year. Olympic quotas will be on offer then. The shooters/coaches will be keen on drawing maximum knowledge during this trip. Elite shooters from Europe and Asia will be taking part in this meet.

WHEN?: FEB 27 TO MARCH 8

Karnataka complete clinical win

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

A victory margin of 117 was resounding for Karnataka. As Prasidh Krishna dismissed Jammu & Kashmir's No 11 Umran Malik with a slower one for his 10th wicket of the match at the IIT-Chemplast groud in Chennai on Sunday, it took Karnataka to the top of Group C in the ongoing Ranji Trophy. In a format, where there is almost no space for a bad outing, Karnataka are in pole position to advance to the knockouts as Group C winners.

Their next match is against Pondicherry, a team they should win hands down any day. But the venue for that fixture – the SSN College – is in the outskirts of Chennai and a low-pressure area that has developed in the Bay of Bengal could potentially play spoil sport.

In case Karnataka are not able to get a win, then Jammu & Kashmir stand a chance to advance to the knockouts, provided they beat Railways in the third round fixture at the IIT-Chemplast.

"We are not really looking that far ahead (knockouts). We are taking one match at a time by building confidence gradually. And the team is responding to it and we are looking forward to finish the game on a high. That will be great for us," Karnataka captain Manish Pandey said.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

SELECT SCORES

Group A: Gujarat 388 & 264 in 85.5 ovs lost to Kerala 439 & 214-2 in 35.4 ovs (Kunnummal 106). **Group B:** Bengal 242 & 201 in 79.0 ovs bt Hyderabad 205 & 166 in 61.2 ovs (Varma 90). **Group C:** Karnataka 302 & 298/3 d in 71.0 ovs bt Jammu & Kashmir 93 & 390 in 98.5 ovs (Prasidh 4/59); Pondicherry 342 & 208/3 in 62.0 ovs vs Railways 525/9 d in 151.4 ovs. **Group D:** Mumbai 163 & 395/9 d in 132.0 ovs bt Goa 327 & 112 in 48.0 ovs (Mulani 5/60); Saurashtra 501 vs Odisha 165 & 205 in 83.0 ovs. **Group E:** Andhra 389 & 220/4 in 68.0 ovs vs Services 343 in 118.4 ovs. **Group G:** Vidarbha 569/5 d vs Maharashtra 328 in 146.0 ovs & 69/4 in 20.4 ovs. **Group H:** Tamil Nadu 470/9 d vs Chhattisgarh 261/8 & 172/8 in 76.0 ovs (Sai Kishore 3/44); Jharkhand 251 & 307/7 d in 78.0 ovs bt Delhi 224 & 319 in 77.4 ovs (Shorey 136; Nadeem 5/83).

RANJI TROPHY

PRO LEAGUE

Indian men & women lose to Spain

AGENCIES @ Bhubaneswar

THE Indian men's hockey team slumped to its second defeat in the FIH Pro League as it lost 3-5 to Spain in the second match of their two-legged tie at the Kalinga Stadium here on Sunday. If world No. 4 India made a last-minute dash on Saturday to beat Spain 5-4 in a pulsating match, the scenario was completely opposite on Sunday as world no. 9 Spain were accurate with their penalty corner conversions to completely outwit the hosts.

Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist India took the lead in the sixth minute through Abhishek before Spain struck thrice through Pau Cunill (14th, 24th) and Joan Tarres (14th). Pepe Cunill (54th) and skipper Marc Miralles (59th) converted two more penalty corners to seal the issue for the visitors. India's other goals were scored by Harmanpreet Singh (27th) and Sukhjeet Singh (51st).India had earlier lost 2-5 to France in South Africa earlier this month.

Despite registering their second defeat in the league, India are currently placed second in the standings with 12 points from six matches, including four wins.

Women concede late goal

The Indian women's hockey team conceded a late goal to lose 3-4 against Spain for its first defeat in the FIH Pro League at the Kalinga Stadium on Sunday. World No. 9 India had defeated Spain, ranked sixth in the world, 2-1 in the first match of two-legged FIH Pro League tie on Saturday. Xantal Gine scored the winner for Spain with just 35 seconds left in the match after Begona Garcia (4th, 24th minutes) struck a brace.

EXPRESS READ

Chelsea owner Abramovich steps aside

LONDON: CHELSEA said on Sunday they were "praying for peace" following Russia's invasion of Ukraine after owner Roman Abramovich's decision to hand over control of the Premier League club. The Russian-Israeli billionaire announced on Saturday that he was handing the "stewardship and care" of Chelsea to the trustees of the club's charitable foundation. There was no mention in his statement of the crisis in Ukraine. Chelsea released a statement on their website on Sunday but there was no mention of Russia or its president, Vladimir Putin.

India complete clean sweep, beat SL 3-0

DHARAMSHALA: With Avesh Khan (2/23) and Mohammed Siraj (1/22) returning to the side, the pacers helped India restrict Sri Lanka to a moderate total of 146/5. Shreyas Iyer's purple patch continued as he smashed third consecutive half-century (73 n.o), taking the host across the line with ease in 16.5 overs. **Brief scores:** Sri Lanka 146/5 in 20 ovs (Shanka 74 n.o; Avesh 2/23) lost to India 148/4 in 16.5 ovs (Shreyas 73 n.o; Kumara 2/39).

ATKMB crush BFC's top-four hopes

FATORDA: ATK Mohun Bagan took a major step towards ensuring a semifinal spot with a 2-0 win against Bengaluru FC in ISL. The defeat ended all hopes for the Blues of making it into the top-four. Liston Colaco (45+1') and Manvir Singh scored for ATK MB. Bengaluru have 26 points with one game in hand and they are adrift of fourth-placed Mumbai City by five points.

'Experienced' Vishnu crowned LGB Formula 4 champion

ASHIM SUNAM @ Coimbatore

THE LGB Formula 4 lived upto its billing as one of the keenly contested categories in the JK Tyre-FMSCI National Racing Championship on Sunday. The competition witnessed its fair share of drama and suspense during the last day of the championship at the Kari Motor Speedway in Coimbatore.

On Sunday, all eyes were on Vishnu Prasad and Sandeep Kumar with two races to go with one point separating the two racers. In fact, a couple of other racers were also in the fray for the title. But things did not go according to plan for Sandeep, who crashed out midway into the first race of the day. Even another championship competitor Amir Sayed suffered the same fate, providing Vishnu an upper hand in the race for the overall title. Vishnu brought in all his experience into play and won the much-important race and increased his lead to nine points at the top with just one more race to go.

Though the man from Chennai could have taken it lightly in the evening, Vishnu was eager for back-to-back wins. He finished third in the second race of the day in their category, with Arya Singh securing first position. But it was Vishnu, who eventually won the overall championship with 70 points in his kitty. Diljith TS finished second with 59 while Arya and Sandeep were jointly third (55). Does Vishnu's success come as a surprise? Not really, with the racer habituated to winning. The win on Sunday was his 14th national title. However, Vishnu believes it has been one of the toughest and competitive wins for him. It is the sheer consistency in the 24th edition, which helped him win the title. He had 21, 13, 16 and 20 points in the four rounds of the competition.

LGB Formula 4 race 2 winner Vishnu Prasad (C) celebrates on Sunday. Diljith TS and Arya Singh finished second and third respectively in the race

"I have been racing in this category for a long time. I believe, this has been one of the toughest wins in my career. It was super hard. Coming into the fourth and final round, there were around five people who could win the championship. It is the consistency over the season, which has saved us this year. We managed to finish in the top five, no DNF, no crashes....The results speak for themselves," Vishnu said after the win. "Big thanks to all my teammates, mechanics, all of them. It is a team effort. I owe this championship to all of them." If LGB 4 proved to be a massive fight until the final round, the first edition of the Royal Enfield Continental GT Cup was a roaring success too.

RESULTS: JK Tyre Novice Cup: Champion: Ruhaan Alva – 98 points. Champion team: Msport – 202 points. **LGB Formula 4:** National Champion: Vishnu Prasad – 70 points. Champion team – Dark Don Racing – 167 points. **Royal Enfield Continental GT Cup:** Champion: Anish D Shetty – 64 points.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby notified that my client **Sri. MOHAN KUMAR. K. G,** has entered into an AGREEMENT FOR SALE with **Sri. T. S. PRADEEP,** S/o. Late Gopala Iyengar, to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder.

Any person/s having any right in or title to or claim against the Schedule Property or having any objection of whatsoever nature for the proposed sale transaction may within **10 (Ten) days** hereof lodge with the under signed his/her claim in this behalf together with the relevant documentary proof in support of such right, title interest or claim or objection. If no such claim or objection is received within the above said period, it will be presumed that, no person has any such claim or objection & my client will proceed with the said transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF the vacant, immovable, residential property bearing Site No.**546**, in the layout known as "BEML 3rd Stage", formed by The BEML Employees' House Building Co-operative Society Ltd., Bangalore, in Sy. Nos. 77 to 90, 105 to 119/1, 5, 4 to 122, 147 to 165 and 273, of Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, with the permission of Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), Bangalore, vide its Letter No. BDA/TPM/DDW/207/87-88, dated 03-07-1987, measuring East to West: **40.0** Feet and North to South: **59** Feet **6** Inches, totally measuring **2380** Square Feet, presently comes under the limits and jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Ward No.160, BEML 3rd Stage, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Sub-Zone, Bangalore, assigned with BBMP Katha No.527/529/546/524, bounded on:

East by : Site No.545, West by : Site No.547,
North by : Site No.536, South by : Road.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that my client intends to purchase the properties detailed in the schedule below from its owners **Sri. G.Shantharam S/o Sri. G. Nagaraj**. If any person has any manner of right, title, interest, claim or objection for sale of the schedule properties, may forward your objections along with documentary proof to the undersigned, within 10 days from the date of this publication. If no objections are received, my client will proceed to purchase the schedule properties and any objections received thereafter, shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of Site bearing No.46/45/4 formed on property bearing Sy No.27/2 measuring 2 Acres and 10 guntas of Kamenahalli Village and Sy No.109/1 measuring 4 Acres and 6 guntas, situated at Hegganahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Measuring East to West 24.384 Meters (80 Feet) and North to South 15.24 Meters (50 Feet) in all measuring 371.60 Sq. Meters (4000 Sq. Feet) and bounded on:

East by : Road, **West by :** Site No.5
North by : Road **South by :** Site No.3

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of Site bearing No.46/45/5 formed on property bearing Sy No.27/2 measuring 2 Acres and 10 guntas of Kamenahalli Village and Sy No.109/1 measuring 4 Acres and 6 guntas, situated at Hegganahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Measuring East to West 24.384 Meters (80 Feet) and North to South 15.24 Meters (50 Feet) in all measuring 371.60 Sq. Meters (4000 Sq. Feet) and bounded on:

East by : Site No.4 **West by :** Road
North by : Road **South by :** Site No.6

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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.66,69,818/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen only)** as on **11-10-2021** together with further interest to be charged from **12-10-2021** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Confident Group, No.187 A, First Floor, 2nd Cross, Minaj Nagar, Bendra Nagar, Kadirenahalli, Bengaluru - 560070. No.2) Mr. N. Thyagaraju, S/o. Narayana Babu, No.301, Aishwarya Bills, 7th Cross, Shakambari Nagar, Sarakki Main Road, J.P. Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru - 560078. No.3) Mrs. Suma Thyagaraju, W/o. N. Thyagaraju, No.301, Aishwarya Bills, 7th Cross, Shakambari Nagar, Sarakki Main Road, J.P. Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru -560078. No.4) M/s. Banasri Infra, No.187 A, First Floor, 2nd Cross, Minaj Nagar, Bendra Nagar, Kadirenahalli, Bengaluru - 560070.**

Note : 1) That our **139-Bengaluru-Indira Nagar Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (FITL - ADHOC:501912090017481) dated **07-09-2020** requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for which No.3 of you stood as Co-obligant and No. 2 and 3 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 2,01,000/-** at a ROI of **13%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **29-01-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **11-10-2021** is **Rs. 2,29,296/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **12-10-2021** till the date of realization.

2) That our **139-Bengaluru-Indira Nagar Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (FITL - ADHOC:501912090017482) dated **07-09-2020** requested by No.4 of you represented by No. 3 of you as Proprietrix for which No.2 of you stood as Co-obligant and No. 2 and 3 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 2,01,000/-** at a ROI of **13%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **29-01-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **11-10-2021** is **Rs. 2,24,161/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **12-10-2021** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mrs. Suma Thyagaraju, W/o. N. Thyagaraju)

All that piece and parcel of the Northern portion of the immovable Residential Building property bearing Site No.3, VP Khatha, No.279, Present BBMP Khatha No.279/3/564 situated at Kothanur Village, Uttharahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP together with all rights and appurtenances whatsover whether underneath or above the surface measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 20 feet totally measuring 600 sq.feet. Boundaries : East by : Pvt. Property, West By : Road, North by : Site No.2, South by : Remaining portion of the same site No.3 together, with 12 sq. of RCC Roofed Residential Building comprising of Ground Floor 4 sq., First Floor 4 sq. and Second Floor 4 sq. with Granite Flooring, Cement and Brick Walls, Teakwood Doors and Jungle Wood provided with all basic civic amenities such as Electricity, Water and Sanitation facilities.

Reserve Price : Rs.60,00,000/-
(Rupees Sixty Lakh Only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
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Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 25-02-2022 **Authorised Officer**

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Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
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- **6 laning of Belagavi-Sankeshwar Bypass on Bengaluru-Mumbai section.** (Rs. 1479 Cr, NH-48, Length-40 Km)
- **6 laning of Sankeshwar Bypass-Maharashtra Border on Bengaluru-Mumbai section.** (Rs. 1389 Cr, NH-48, Length-38 Km)
- **2 Laning of KNT/GOA Border - Chorla-Jamboti-Belagavi Road on NH-748AA.** (Rs. 247 Cr, NH-748 AA, Length-70 km)
- **2 lane +PS from Vijayapura-Athani-Murgundy on Vijayapura-Sankeshwar section.** (Rs. 767 Cr, NH-548B, Length-80 Km)
- **2 lane +PS from Siddapur to Vijayapura** (Rs. 91 Cr, NH-561A, Length-12 Km)

Time: 11:00 AM | Venue: District Stadium, Nehru Nagar, Dr. Ambedkar Road, BELAGAVI

Foundation Stone Laying

- **6 laning of Hubballi-Dharwad Bypass on Bengaluru-Mumbai Road.** (Rs. 1050 Cr, NH-48, Length-31 Km)
- **2 lane +PS of Haveri-Yekkambi-Sirsi section of Kumta-Haveri Road.** (Rs. 174 Cr, NH-766EE, Length-75 Km)
- **ROB at Km 15 (in lieu of LC-75) Near Vijayapura.** (Rs. 58 Cr, NH-218, Length-1.5 Km)
- **2 lane +PS from Gajendragad to Sarjapur (Banashankari) on Bhanapur-Gaddankeri Road.** (Rs. 173 Cr, NH-367, Length-25 Km)
- **2 lane+PS from Pattadakal to Shirur Cross on Bhanapur-Gaddankeri Road.** (Rs. 264 Cr, NH-367, Length-26 Km)
- **4 laning from Shirur cross to Gaddankeri on Bhanapur-Gaddankeri Road.** (Rs. 351 Cr, NH-367, Length-25 Km)
- **2 lane +PS of AP Border to Molkalmuru town on Anantapur- Molkalmuru Road.** (Rs. 33 Cr, NH-544DD, Length-6 Km)
- **2 lane +PS from Hiriyur to Huliyar Section on Jewargi-Chamarajanagar Road.** (Rs. 140 Cr, NH-150A, Length-32 Km)

Dedication to the Nation

- **6 laning of Chitradurga-Davanagere including Chitradurga bypass on Bengaluru-Mumbai Road.** (Rs. 1434 Cr, NH-48, Length-73 Km)
- **6 laning of Davanagere-Haveri section of Bengaluru-Mumbai Road.** (Rs. 1177 Cr, NH-48, Length-79 Km)
- **6 laning of Haveri-Hubli section of Bengaluru-Mumbai Road.** (Rs. 2821 Cr, NH-48, Length-64 Km)
- **4 laning of Hubli-Hospet section.** (Rs. 2722 Cr, NH-67, Length-144 Km)
- **4 laning of Byrapura - Challakere section of Jewargi-Chamarajanagar Road.** (Rs. 842 Cr, NH-150A, Length-50 Km)
- **2 lane from Talguppa to Gersoppa of Tumkur-Honnavar Road.** (Rs. 58 Cr, NH-206, Length-48 Km)
- **Construction of bypass to Hubli city connecting NH 218 &NH63.** (Rs. 114 Cr, NH-218 & 63, Length-4 Km)
- **Improvements to Road from Bankapur chowk to Rani Chennamma Circle in Hubballi city.** (Rs. 39 Cr, NH-4, Length-2.5 Km)
- **4-laning from Jubilee Circle to Narendra bypass in Dharwad city limits.** (Rs. 71 Cr, NH-4, Length-6 Km)
- **2 Lane+PS of Vijayapura-Hubballi Section (Km 4.40 to Km 56)** (Rs. 292 Cr, NH-218, Length-51 Km)
- **2 Lane+PS of Vijayapura-Hubballi Section (Km 56 to Km 106)** (Rs. 160 Cr, NH-218, Length-50 Km)
- **2 Lane+PS of Vijayapura-Hubballi Section (Km 106.00 to 153.00)** (Rs. 166 Cr, NH-218, Length-47 Km)
- **4 laning of Kalghatgi Town limits on Ankola-Hubballi section.** (Rs. 51 Cr, NH-63, Length-4 Km)
- **4 Lane / 2 Lane +PS from Yadgir Bypass to AP Border Section.** (Rs. 329 Cr, NH-150, Length-39 Km)
- **2 Lane +PS of Tekkalakote - Sindegeri Section of Jewargi - Chamarajanagar Road.** (Rs. 94 Cr, NH-150A, Length-20 Km)
- **2 Lane+PS of Kuknur to Yelburga Section of Bhanapur-Gaddankeri Road.** (Rs. 97 Cr, NH-367, Length-19 Km)
- **4 laning of Koppal city limits.** (Rs. 84 Cr, NH-63, Length-7 Km)
- **Re-construction of Minor Bridge at Km 127.5 on Jewargi-Chamarajanagar Road** (Rs. 5 Cr, NH-150A)

Time: 1:30 PM | Venue: Truck Terminal at Gabbur Junction on NH-48, HUBBALLI

Foundation Stone Laying

- **4 laning of Honnavar Port Connectivity Road on Panaji-Mangaluru Road.** (Rs. 120 Cr, NH-66, Length-5 Km)
- **Construction of Double Cell VUP at Ambalpady Kundapur - Surathkal section of NH-66.** (Rs. 28 Cr, NH-66)
- **Construction of VOP at KPT junction New Mangalore Port road connectivity NH-66.** (Rs. 35 Cr, NH-66)
- **Cross Over facility work in Udupi District at Katpady Junction of NH-66.** (Rs. 23 Cr, NH-66)
- **Blackspot rectification in Mandya District of NH-275** (Rs. 4.95 Cr, NH-275)
- **4 laning from Addahole to Periya Shanti on Mangaluru-Bengaluru Road.** (Rs. 443 Cr, NH-75, Length-16 Km)
- **4 laning from Periya Shanti to Bantwal on Mangaluru-Bengaluru Road.** (Rs. 1481 Cr, NH-75, Length-49 Km)
- **4 laning in Sringeri Town limits on Shivamogga - Mangaluru Road.** (Rs. 88 Cr, NH-169, Length-5 Km)
- **4 laning from Hebri to Parkala and from Karavali Jn to Malpe on Thirthahalli-Malpe Road.** (Rs. 356 Cr, NH-169A, Length-29 Km)
- **Construction of 4 RUBs on Mysuru Ring Road.** (Rs. 86 Cr, NH-275K)
- **2 lane + PS in selected stretches from Kollur to Ranebennur.** (Rs. 219 Cr, NH-766C, Length-28 Km)
- **2 lane + PS from Mulbagal-Sangandhalli-AP Border.** (Rs. 98 Cr, NH-234, Length-11 Km)

Dedication to the Nation

- **Improvement of Tumkur Town limits.** (Rs. 18 Cr, NH-4, Length-4 Km)
- **Reconstruction of Minor Bridge at Km 26.05, 27.07 and 28.14 on Thirthahalli- Malpe Road.** (Rs. 9 Cr, NH-169A)
- **2 lane + PS from BC Road to Punjalkatte.** (Rs. 160 Cr, NH-234, Length-20Km)

Time: 4:30 PM | Venue: CORDEL HALL, KULSHEKAR, MANGALURU-575 005

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EVERYTHING ON OFFER

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FOUNDER

The site was founded by David Karp, an American web developer and entrepreneur who dropped out of high school at the age of 15

ACQUISITION

In 2013, Yahoo bought Tumblr for $1.1 billion. But, to keep users happy, they resisted change and in the process, left the same unprofitable

Director Prerana Agarwal on her upcoming film Sold

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HEAD OVER HEELS

A popular dance form in the West, Heels is the latest style that Bengalureans are grooving to

(From left) Rajani Gopinathan, Sindhu TB and Arpita Shetty

MONIKA MONALISA

WHEN dancer-choreographer Hari Haran, who specialises in Heels – a style of dance – started his studio in 2012, he had just three students. Today, the number stands at 80-plus. The style – which is derived from jazz – has been popularised among Bengalureans with many dancers incorporating this into their routines. "When I trained in various styles of jazz, Heels was one of them. It was so fascinating and unique that male dancers were giving it a try. I also wanted to break the stereotype," says Haran, who trained at Pineapple Dance Studios London.

Taking this path and promoting this style was not easy for Haran though. "When I started out, people were not accepting...many questioned my sexuality but I didn't bother. I concentrated on learning this unique style," recalls Haran, adding that walking in heels was not the most comfortable thing to do initially. While walking on heels is an art, this dance form is said to help with correcting one's posture. "It's important to exude confidence," says Haran, who is the founder of dance studio, High on Heels Bangalore. At present, it is priced as ₹1,500 for eight classes.

Many dancers like Sindhu TB, who recently started a group called Rebelle Fleur, where they do exclusive Heels' sessions, popularise the 'culture' in Bengaluru in different ways. "Heels came into the picture in the theatre space when artistes started wearing small block heels. But in the early 2000s, stilettos took over. It's been evolving over time," says Sindhu, adding that from April, they will try to bring more Heels teachers from Delhi and Mumbai to Bengaluru.

In comparison to jazz and ballet which come with their own history, Arpita Shetty, who has been learning this dance form from the last three years, points out that this style is a very recent development. One of the reasons for its growing popularity could be pop culture. "If you look at artistes like Beyonce, Rihanna and Lady Gaga, they do a lot of performances with heels. So people have started looking at this style of dancing in a different light now," says Shetty, who is in her 30s. She adds that the training for this dance forms is on the lines of jazz and ballet, and need the same amount of core strength.

Agrees Divya Easwaran, an instructor of Heels. "Ballet is an acquired form of dance and for Heels too, you need to train in the same way. Now, people are trying to do ballet with heels," says Easwaran.

Heels, as a style, is also quite 'commercial" in nature. Easwaran says the moves are quite sexy. "It looks so good and feels quite sexy. People love to deck out, which is one of the reasons for its recent popularity as well," she says.

Lady Gaga

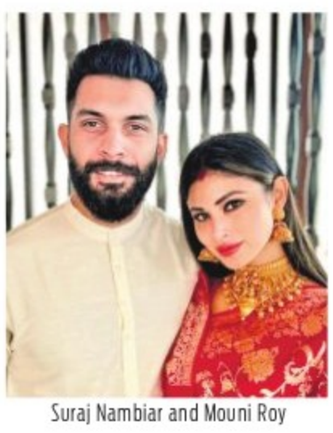
All that glitters

Wondering about actor Mouni Roy's wedding jewellery? Here's where it was custom-made

MONIKA MONALISA

ACTOR Mouni Roy's wedding with city-based businessman Suraj Nambiar has been the talk of the town in recent times. The Bengali beauty, who looked regal in her South Indian look, picked most of her wedding jewellery from city-based C Krishniah Chetty Jewellers. For the elaborate wedding which happened in three parts, Goa, Mumbai and Bengaluru, Roy was clear about what she wanted in terms of jewellery. It all started with just the wedding ring. "When Suraj got in touch with us to help them with the wedding ring, I didn't know what design they had in mind. So we showed them different diamond shapes and cuts, and she finally picked a three carat princess-cut ring," says Chaitanya V Cotha, executive director of the brand. She then returned to purchase her wedding jewellery. "She went through a lot of designs and collections in gold and diamonds. She went in for light hand-carved statement pieces," says Cotha, adding that for the Bengaluru event she teamed her attire with a long necklace, a short necklace, jhumka earrings and gold head ornament.

During the gruhapravesh ceremony, Roy's look in a red Banarasi saree with a heavily carved choker has been etched in the memory of many. Cotha reveals that the statement choker was an all-gold piece with rubies. "Her only request was that it should be large, so that it would cover her neck," says Cotha, adding that she went for custom-made jhumkas which matched with the necklace. The pendant on the choker included the figure of a bride and groom, which has a story behind it too. "The story is about how important the support from family and friends is during a wedding. And it's this support that helps you go further," explains Cotha, revealing that the piece weighs under 160 gm. Getting the right jewellery for Roy took around one-and-half months of preparation but Cotha says it was all worth it. "When you see a piece in the store, it looks so easy but the time and effort that goes into it is so much," says Cotha.



Suraj Nambiar and Mouni Roy

GRUB HUB

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called She Knows Grub, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are

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FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Gandhimathi 2) Anubha Shrivastava 3) Indrani

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WEEKEND VIBES

A visitor checks out eco-friendly apparels and handcrafted accessories at Culture Chutney, a two-day Eco Flea Festival that was organised at Indiranagar SOCIAL over the weekend. JSHRIRAM BN

FOR THE SAKE OF FOOD

The Japan Food Sake Festival 2022 is all set to go live today; will commemorate 70 years of ties between India and Japan

EXPRESS FEATURES

DIVIDED by boundaries but united by food. This is what the Japan Food Sake Festival 2022 wants to bring to the table. To commemorate the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and India, the Consulate-General of Japan in Bengaluru is organising the first online food festival between February 28 and March 6. The idea is to promote mutual understanding between Japan and India through the promotion of food and saké from the Orient, and to increase the recognition of Japanese food and the food culture in the region of Karnataka and throughout India.

Since this is the first online Japan Food Sake Festival, the organisers have partnered with Rakuten India, a tech firm, that has designed a custom-made website for participants to set up virtual stalls. The website, which will go live from February 28, will see over 12 Bengaluru-based Japanese food brands and over 17 companies participating in the online food festival. The custom-made website aims to provide a real-time experience to visitors to explore the virtual food stall, exchange culinary ideas with the chefs and also order food through the food delivery application. Besides flaunting a wide variety of Japanese cuisines, this year predominantly focuses on 'educating' the visitors about the Japanese culture and ethos. In addition, some of the dishes are also curated in a way to show the amalgamation of Japanese culture into the culture of Karnataka.

"This year marks the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and India. To commemorate this very significant milestone for both countries, we wish to present the charming features of Japanese food culture. The theme this year is centred around "building a future for our centenary", with the hope that together we may shape our future far beyond these 70 golden years of good relations maintained so far and towards the 100th-anniversary landmark," says Sugita Akiko, Consul-General.

One of the highlights of this year's food festival is the Japanese 'saké ' which is a rice wine. Although sake has been part of the food festival in 2019, this year focuses on bringing some background into how saké is made, and the role of 'Tojis'- which is the official word for professional saké makers in Japanese. Besides, the food stalls are also expected to display dishes like tempura- deep-fried vegetables and meat, ramen noodles, sushi rolls, including the 'Banga roll' named after Bengaluru which is draped in the colours of the Karnataka flag.

The website of Japan Food Sake Festival 2022 will go live from February 28 at 9 am. For details, visit Japan Food Sake Festival website.

"The theme this year is centred around "building a future for our centenary", as India and Japan mark 70 golden years of relationship - Sugita Akiko, Consul General of Japan in Bengaluru

CITY READ

Wheelchair distribution camp inaugurated

Gokula Education Foundation chairman Dr M R Jayaram inaugurated a 'free mega wheelchair distribution camp' for physically-challenged persons recently at the Ramaiah Hospital campus. In this event, more than 75 wheelchairs distributed to the beneficiaries.

Bank organises customer meet

UCO Bank zonal office organised a 'mega MSME credit camp and customer meet' at Gymkhana Peenya recently. On this occasion, MSME borrowers were invited from local city branches, and loan sanction letters were distributed to the tune of ₹17 crore. The chief guest of the event was V Chandramouli, deputy general manager from SIDBI. Ravi Shankar Narayan, deputy general manager and zonal head, UCO Bank, Bengaluru delivered a keynote address on the various initiatives undertaken by the bank for the aid of the MSME sector as well towards the other financial needs of the customers.

RAMEN DELIGHT

Get a taste of Japan's most popular dish- Ramen. Check out a wholesome Ramen spread in both vegetarian and non-vegetarian options. It includes tanmen ramen, kinoko miso ramen, tori miso ramen, chasyu ramen and much more. **When:** Till March 6 **Where:** Edo Restaurant & Bar, ITC Gardenia, Residency Road, **Details:** 080 2211 9898

GROOVE TO THE BEATS

Sunburn Holi is back with your favourite dance numbers. Catch some talented musical artistes perform live at the most awaited Holi festival. Advance booking is now open. **When:** March 19 **Tickets:** bookmyshow.com

MUSICAL EVENING

Nazaara, at Courtyard by Marriott Hebbal is organising an everyday sundowner and musical evenings. Get a chance to experience an open-air rooftop restaurant coupled with cocktails, appetisers and your favourite music. **When:** 5pm-11pm For reservations call 9606482968

DANCE SHOW

Pranav Cultural Welfare Academy is organising a dance event. Kathak dancer Alar Arvind, is performing as part of the 10th Hosur Natyanjali on the occasion of Maha Shivaratri. **When:** March 1, 7.30 pm **Where:** Sri Valampuri Selva Vinayagar Thirukoil, Hosur. For details, **Call:** 9845257113

CATCH STAND UP COMEDIAN **PRASHASTI SINGH** PERFORM LIVE FOR THE SHOW *DOOR KHADI SHARMAAYE* | **WHEN:** MARCH 5 | **TICKETS:** BOOKMYSHOW.COM

Women's Day Special

Celebrate this International Women's Day with inspiring stories. Art of Dum is celebrating "Women who inspire you to be you" by sharing stories of their team members, chefs and about the women who have shaped their lives. In addition, get a complimentary dessert on every order on Women's Day. To order, **call** 7349321352

Money Matters

Join an investment planning workshop with financial expert Neeraj Mahajan. Curated for students, homemakers, retired persons, the sessions aim to introduce aspiring investors to the stock market, the do's and don'ts, how to pick winning stocks and much more. **When:** Feb 28 onwards **Details:** bookmyshow.com

FILM FESTIVAL

The 13th edition of Bengaluru International Film Festival will be starting from March. The hybrid event will see filmmakers presenting their works and some select films will also be streamed on OTT platform. Registration facility will be open at Orion Mall, Rajajinagar. **When:** March 3-10 **Details:** Biffes website

Marketing Workshop

Join this digital marketing workshop to learn the fundamentals of using digital media tools to enhance branding and marketing. The objective of the workshop is also to network with experts and learn from their stories of effective digital marketing campaigns and communication strategies. **When:** Feb 28 **Register:** bookmyshow.com

Personal Care

The Moms Co. has launched their new product- natural exfoliating lip scrub- that aims to provide a toxin-free solution for soft and nourished lips. It also focuses on softening the lips, repair damaged skin and smoothen dry lips. **Available** at The Moms Co. website.

Arch Talks

Archi talks: Architecture in Art is about the depiction of building spaces in works of art-paintings, films and advertisements. As a part of this talk, there are also some creative short films. **When:** Mar 4 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

BROCCOLI CHEESE STICKS

INGREDIENTS

- **Broccoli florets:** 200 g
- **Cubed capsicum (or onion):** 1 cup
- **Processed cheese:** 40 g, diced
- **Parmesan cheese:** 20 g
- **Salt to taste**
- **Oregano and dried rosemary:** 1 tsp each

METHOD

- Cut broccoli florets, dip them in lukewarm water, strain and pat dry.
- Take a borosil plate and arrange broccoli florets, diced capsicum and cheese.
- Preheat microwave at 180°C and place the plate. After 15 minutes, take the plate out garnish with parmesan cheese and re-heat for 5 minutes under the same temperature. Add salt.
- Garnish the dish with oregano and rosemary, and serve hot.

—Bindya Sanu, Odisha

FIT BIT

PRAPADA UTKATASANAI

(TIP TOE FIERCE POSE I)

Prapada is a toe-balancing posture that places pressure on and stimulates the calves and ankles. This is the name of a powerful standing yoga asana that requires balance, stability and strength. It promotes focus, acceptance and inner power. It is a yoga beginner's posture, which needs a lot of concentration. Traditionally, Prapada is associated with the Sahasrara Chakra that is said to help yogis realise their connection with everything. It can help the yogi to open him/herself up to the Divine.

STEPS

- Stand straight with feet slightly apart. Then keep the hands to your sides and relax.
- You can either join your palms or keep your arms parallel to the floor, facing inward.
- Inhale and raise your arms up, over your head and clasp the fingers, keeping the index fingers straight towards the sky.
- Then, exhale and bend your knees, slightly. Try to keep your thighs parallel to the floor.
- Make sure that your knees project out over your toes.
- Your gaze should be straight.
- Your torso will lean forward slightly over your thighs until it forms an approximate right angle with the thighs.
- Ensure your thighs are parallel to each other and push your pelvis down towards your toes.
- Keep your spine lengthened and firm; your shoulder blades against your back.
- Breathe normally and stay in the pose for 30- 45 seconds.
- To release, inhale and straighten your knees. Bring down your hands, straighten completely.
- Breathe deeply for 5-10 times. Practice for 5-10 times.

BENEFITS

- Increases lung capacity.
- Strengthens torso and lower back while stretching the upper back.
- Tones and stabilises knee and ankle joints; strengthens arms.
- Strengthens the muscles of thighs, brings flexibility to thighs.
- Energizes entire body.
- Gives the hips, spine, and chest muscles a good stretch.
- Helps to give stretch and strength to your heels and toes.
- Gives the abdominal organs a good massage and stimulates diaphragm and the heart.
- Regular practice helps to lose weight, especially from the buttocks.
- Strengthens immune system.
- Improves digestion and increases metabolism.

LIMITATIONS

- Patients with arthritis, insomnia, headache or sprained ankles should avoid.
- If you have knee injury or lower back pain, avoid this pose.
- Avoid this during pregnancy, menstruation and if you have low BP.

—by N. Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

FASCINATING ENTREPRENEURS

Get to the bottom of why entrepreneurs choose to do what they do, how they do it, and how they view and approach profitability? How do people end up becoming an Entrepreneur? How do they scale and grow their businesses? How do they plan for profit? Are they in it for life or are they building to exit?

- On Gaana

PITCHING PYAAR

Kabir (Veer Rajwant Singh) is a young, aspiring entrepreneur stuck in a job he hates and a relationship that's going nowhere. A disastrous attempt to break up with his girlfriend forces him to take a leap of faith and quit his day job too. He's finally ready to change his life completely.

- On Audible

A GUIDE TO STRESS FREE LIVING

In today's world, everyone has to deal with numerous difficult situations, leading to stress and agitation. Om Swami shares with us precious nuggets of wisdom to help us meet the challenges life throws at us.

- On Audible

LUCY IN THE SKY: THE NEW AGE

Children's author and science communicator Lucy Hawking, daughter of Stephen Hawking, invites listeners to the launch of a new space age. Fuelled by commercial finance, this is a revolutionary change from the old era in which superpowers competed for supremacy in space.

- On Audible

POETICS WITH OMARI HARDWICK

Omari Hardwick presents Poetics, a new podcast that invites you inside the minds and lyrics of the biggest names in hip hop and the culture. Omari invites his guests to share an original poem or verse, before diving deep in to the stories and history that give every word its meaning.

- On Luminary Podcasts

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

NALLA

Preethi, who has a cognitive disability, is kidnapped and forced into prostitution. However, a chance meeting with Prashanth, a teacher, changes her life forever.

- Cast: Sudeep, Srinath, Tara, Sangeetha

SAHUKARA

Muthu, a faithful servant, works for Sahukara. However, when Sahukara realises Ranganayaki, the one he loves likes Muthu, he throws Muthu out of the house

- Cast: Shashikumar, V Ravichandran, Rambha, Vishvardhan

GENTLEMAN

Kicha is a modern-day Robin Hood, who along with his friend, Mani, steals from the rich to aid the poor. In society, he is a respected man who runs a small business.

- Cast: KT Kunjumon, Madhoo, Charan Raj, Goundamani

DRISHYAM 2

Georgekutty, a cinema hall owner, thrives in life but is a changed man. However, when his family gets entangled in a criminal investigation, he must protect them from the legal institution yet again.

- Cast: Esther Anil, Mohanlal, Anjali Nair, Meena

RAJU - KANNADA MEDIUM

Raju, an ambitious village boy, goes to Bengaluru to fulfil his dreams. He experiences a lot of challenges in the city that help him learn some valuable life lessons.

- Cast: Gurunandan, Avantika Shetty

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 THE MIND-BENDING ART OF DEEP TIME BY KATIE PATERSON

In this lively talk, conceptual artist Katie Paterson takes us through her art and presents her latest project: the Future Library, a forested room holding unread manuscripts from famous authors, not to be published or read until the year 2114.

2 A DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICAN PATRIOTISM BY DEVAL PATRICK

A self-identified patriot, lawyer, and former governor of Massachusetts Deval Patrick stands behind the fundamental values and civic ideals that he believes make the US unique. Calling for a collective patriotism free from cynicism and fatalism, Patrick underlines the urgency to reset national aspirations in order to save democracy.

3 4 WAYS TO REDEFINE POWER AT WORK TO INCLUDE WOMEN OF COLOR BY RHA GODDESS AND DEEPA PURUSHOTHAMAN

Exposing the harmful repercussions of racist, toxic organisational cultures, soul coach Rha Goddess and corporate inclusion visionary Deepa Purushothaman share four pathways to reimagine work so women of color are centered as leaders.

4 HOW TO BOOST NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS TO CLIMATE CHANGE BY ZAC GOLDSMITH

By taking steps to preserve nature through policy, regulations and proper funding, Lord Zac Goldsmith, the UK Minister for the Pacific and Environment shows how leaders can help reverse the dangerous cycles propelling climate change.

5 THE NEW REALITY OF FASHION IS DIGITAL BY GALA MARIJA VRBANIC

Take inspiration from this talk about digital fashion: the new, weird and wonderful world designed for our virtual worlds. Watch as Gala Marija Vrbanic, a leader in this emerging field, showcases what you could wear across your digital channels and shares how it could infinitely expand the creative possibilities of fashion, identity and self-expression.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

GUDDIYAN PATOLE (Punjabi)

Two sisters, who live in Canada, return to their village to meet their maternal family. Hilarity ensues when they end up taking their grandmother on an impromptu trip.

Cast: Sonam Bajwa, Tania, Nirmal Rishi, Honey Mattu

- Watch on: Netflix

BROCHEVARUEVARURA (Telugu)

This is the story of 'R3 batch' consisting of Rocky, Rambo and Rahul, three friends who keep failing every year and are stuck with studying inter.

Cast: Sree Vishnu, Nivetha Thomas, Nivethapethuraj

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

SIVAKUMARIN SABADHAM (Tamil)

Sivakumar, a young man, belongs to a family of master weavers but is unemployed and careless. However, he soon vows to revive and restore his family's lost legacy.

Cast: Madhuri Jain, Hiphop Tamizha Adhi, Prankster Rahul, VJ Parvathy

- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

MAHAPURUSHA (Kannada)

'Mahapurusha' follows the turbulent journey of a middle-aged simple man, who later becomes a pride billionaire, followed by unexpected haywire challenges he starts to face soon after.

Cast: 'Chiyaan' Vikram, Dhruv Vikram, Simran

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

HERO (Telugu)

Arjun whose life takes a dramatic turn when he receives a gun in a courier.

Cast: Niddhi Agerwal, Archana Ananth, Jagapathi Babu

- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

DHARMAKSHETRA (Hindi, series)

After the end of the war at Kurukshetra, the Kauravas and Pandavas are judged on the basis of their karma. Accordingly, the warriors either go to heaven or hell.

Cast: Ankit Arora, Aarya Dharmchand, Anjali Rana, Bajrang Bali Singh

- Watch on: Netflix

SHONAR PAHAR (Bengali)

Upama, a woman in her 70s, drifts apart from Soumya, her only son who lives separately with his wife. However, an unlikely bond forms between her and Bitlu, a seven-year-old boy.

Cast: Arunima Ghosh, Parambrata Chatterjee, Tanuja, Jisshu Sengupta

- Watch on: Netflix

FOREIGN

ETERNALS (English)

The Eternals, a race of immortal beings with superhuman powers who have secretly lived on Earth for thousands of years, reunite to battle the evil Deviants.

Cast: Harry Styles, Angelina Jolie, Kit Harington, Gemma Chan

- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

THE WHOLE TRUTH (English)

Richard Ramsey, an attorney, attempts to acquit a 17-year-old who is accused of murdering his father. His colleague, Janelle, begins to uncover some disturbing facts about the case.

Cast: Keanu Reeves, Renee Zellweger, Gugu Mbatha-Raw,

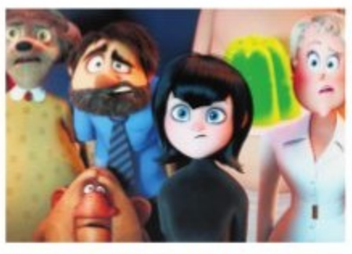
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

THE TINDER SWINDLER (English)

A group of women who were the victims of a dating app based swindler join together in an attempt to hunt him down and recover the millions of dollars that were stolen from them.

Cast: Kristoffer Kumar, Cecilie Fjellhay, Pernilla Sjoholm, Ayleen Charlotte

- watch on: Netflix



HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA: TRANSFORMANIA (English)

Van Helsing's mysterious new invention transforms Drac and his pals into humans, and Johnny into a monster. With their new mismatched bodies, Drac and the pack must find a way to switch themselves back before their transformations become permanent.

Cast: Adam Sandler, Brian Hull, Selena Gomez, Andy Samberg

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION

Disney+ Hotstar: ₹ 499 per year
Apple TV: ₹ 99 per month
Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month
Netflix: ₹ 149 per month

Getting the Right Rudraksha

The effect of the pandemic devastated families around the world, and many who believed in the natural remedial measures looked up to Rudraksha, the wonder bead, to bring relief from anxiety and ushering in confidence, health, wealth and positivity.

Rudraksha is a natural bead, and according to ancient scriptures, has phenomenal powers. The area of its maximum effectiveness is dependent on the facets or faces it has.

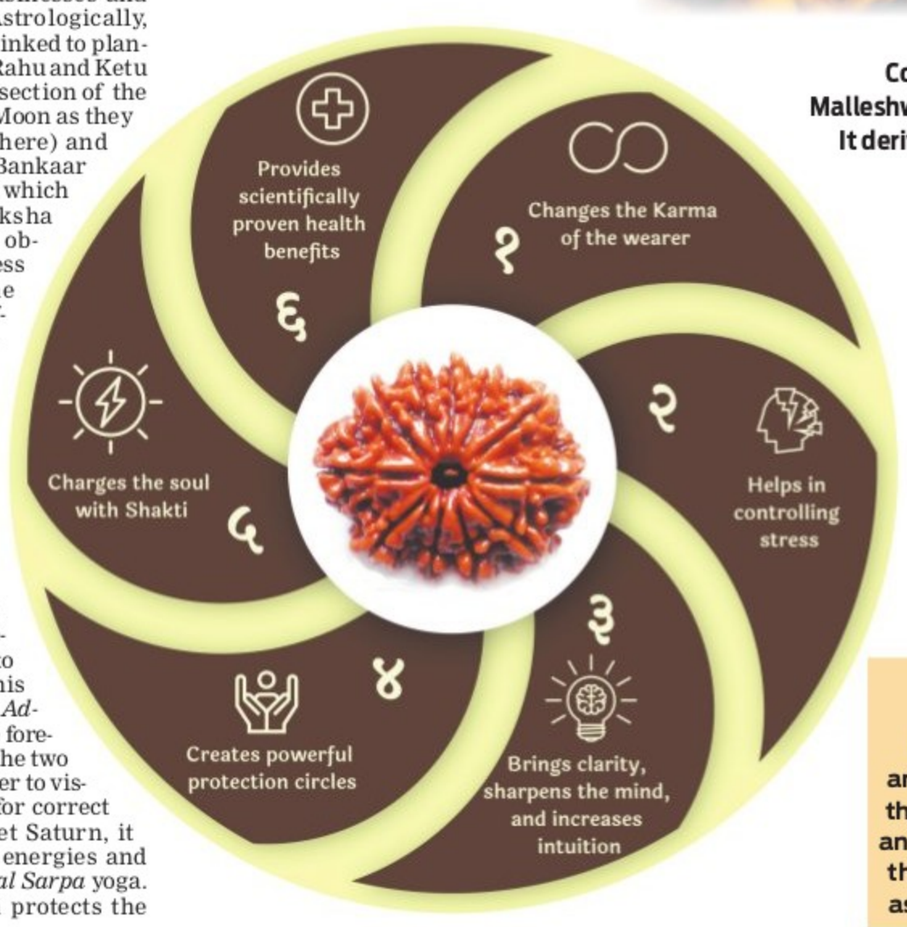
"While we discuss about wealth and richness, we must understand that by and large wealth accumulation is found with people in power, businesses and positions of authority. Astrologically, the positions are further linked to planets, sun, Rahu and Ketu (Rahu and Ketu denote the points of intersection of the paths of the Sun and the Moon as they move on the celestial sphere) and Saturn," says Arvind P Bankaar from Rudrajyoothi, a firm which sources original Rudraksha and was formed with an objective to spread awareness and knowledge about the properties, power, and efficacy of the much renowned yet mystical bead.

MANY FACES

- A 12 faceted Rudraksha is said to rule subconscious mind, making it free from disturbances.
- A 14 faceted Rudraksha is mentioned in ancient Rudra Purana as blessed by Lord Hanuman. It is believed to possess powers to rule the cosmic world. "This Rudraksha bead activates *Adnya Chakra* located on the forehead and exactly between the two eyebrows and bestows power to visualise future in advance for correct decisions. Ruled by Planet Saturn, it overpowers all negative energies and even malefic effects of *Kaal Sarpa* yoga. Wearing this Rudraksha protects the wearer from any negative aspects of Saturn," says Bankaar.

A 15,16 faceted Rudraksha is the symbol of Lord Pashupatinath and Lord Rama. "With immense energy levels this bead brings mastery, control and balance. This is related to spirituality as well. Activation of 6th sense and decisive abilities and protection from negativity spirits and bestows huge luxuries and comforts," says Bankaar.

Rudrajyoothi is one of the trusted sources of Rudraksha and based on your individual characteristics and purpose, the experts can suggest accurate combinations.


Provides scientifically proven health benefits
Changes the Karma of the wearer
Helps in controlling stress
Brings clarity, sharpens the mind, and increases intuition
Creates powerful protection circles
Charges the soul with Shakti

Come and check out our Rudraksh collection at Malleshwaram, which is one of Bengaluru's oldest localities. It derives its name from the Kadu Malleshwara Temple.

Everyone wishes to become rich but many do not find the right path to choose. One of the ways is to get blessed by the powers of Rudraksha and to continue on the path shown in the ancient scriptures. Benefitting maximum number of persons through my expertise on accurate analysis of this mystic bead is my biggest achievement.

- Arvind P Bankaar
from Rudrajyoothi is a researcher and traveller with passion for Rudraksha beads. He is also interested in occult sciences and the science of Rudraksha.

Wearing Rudraksh during Shivratri is very auspicious. It is said that Shivratri week is the amalgamation of two strong forces in the universe. The two forces are Shiva and Goddess Shakti. Shiva is known as the God of death and Goddess Shakti as a power who vanishes evil powers.

Rudrajyoothi Healing Gallery
Empower Your Self

'Beads have the Power to Tranform the Wearer's Personality'

ARVIND P BANKAAR

Rudraksha can be worn as a single bead. However, scriptures suggest that a mala of these beads in silver and in wool (Shiva shakthi mala: Combination of 1 to 14 Rudraksha) can bring incredible results as it purifies you inside out. This powerful Rudraksha mala is an elixir in case of any discomfort, and regular use can transform you completely as a rich person; a really powerful tool to take you to your desired goal.

Shiva Shakti mala

A TOOL OF PERSONAL WELFARE

We have all seen people wearing Rudraksha beads on necks, wrists, and arms. And more often than not, we generalise them into the 'religious' category.

What if we were to tell you that wearing a Rudraksha is more scientific than religious, and it can help you in numerous ways to improve your overall wellbeing?!

SIGNIFICANCE

Apart from having significant spiritual importance, Rudraksha beads are also used as medicine in Ayurveda for preventive and curative practices.

Extensive studies have been carried out on various aspects of Rudraksha and its effects on the human body. It has been found that Rudraksha beads are electromagnetic in nature and when worn around the chest, they enhance and align with our own body field.

Rudraksha seeds are bipolar seeds. Higher the Mukhi count, higher the circles of magnetism.

Rudraksha helps in increasing the magnetic field of wearer's body as it helps in combating diseases and aging.

BENEFITS

Due to the constant rubbing of the beads around the neck and the force exerted around the heart region of a person's body, Rudraksha beads help one stabilise the heart rate, prevent problems like cardiac arrest or hypertension and maintain blood circulation.

Rudraksha beads can hold on to negative energies around without letting them harm us. The beads, when kept in water, make it a rich source of Vitamin C, helping improve anti-bacterial and anti-inflammatory properties in our bodies.

Since the beads are anti-bacterial and pure, these are used by devotees for chanting. Rudraksha beads also generate positive vibrations, which results in gaining emotional stability.

The beads also help control blood pressure, diabetes and are cardioprotective in nature

This is not to say that Rudraksha is only meant for making one prosperous or healthy. Look at it this way — Rudraksha makes one correctly aligned in terms of thoughts, energy, and confidence, so much so that the person ends up being prosperous on his/her own.

GENUINE RUDRAKSHA

Traditionally, Malas are made available by people who held it as a sacred duty in their lives. For generations, they made a living out of it. But once the demand soared, commerce came in.

Today, in India, there is another seed called Bhadraksha which is poisonous, and grows extensively in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Both of these seeds look the same and is difficult to make out the difference. Only experts equipped with various instruments and techniques can detect the difference.

Bhadraksha should not be worn on the body, but these are being sold as authentic beads in many places. So, it is important that you get your mala from a trusted source. Even in the case of genuine Rudrakshas, it is advisable to choose the right Rudraksha based on one's time of birth and other factors.

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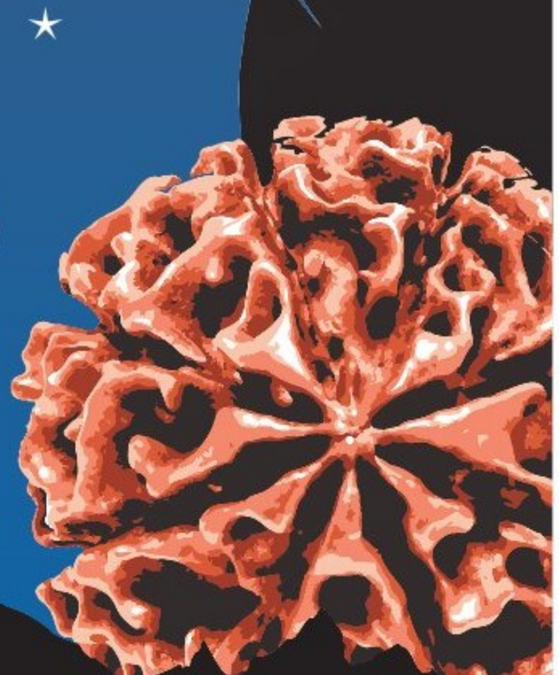

For genuine Rudraksha beads and a free personal consultation, Visit Exhibition-cum-Sale of Rudraksha. On display are all rare Rudraksha combination including Indra Mala and Shiva Shakthi Mala, Mercury (Shivlinga, lockets, bracelets), crystal Malas, premium Incense Sticks, antique items, spiritual jewellery, etc. Free Recommendation based on date of Birth, free mala making, free analysis of your existing malas or Rudraksha, and free Rudraabhishekam (Energising your mala).

VENUE
Canara Union Hall, 2nd Block, 8th Main Road,
Between 13th and 15th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003
Date: 24th February to 1st March 2022 • From 10 am to 8 pm.
Call: 9867402789 • www.rudrajyoothi.com

Kavya Shetty

'WOMEN SHOULD HAVE A VOICE IN THE INDUSTRY'

... says debutante director Prerna Agarwal, who talks about her upcoming film, which focuses on child trafficking and child labour

A SHARADHAA

DEBUTANTE director Prerna Agarwal is coming up with her film, *Sold*, which is based on the themes of child trafficking and child labour. The film, featuring Kavya Shetty and Danish Sait, is set to release on March 4. Talking about the reason behind exploring this topic, Prerna says, "We tend to ignore cases like child trafficking, child labour, which are happening right under our noses. Nobody is speaking about it. The topic I have explored in *'Sold'* is something that will catch everyone's attention immediately. People will be interested to know what it is all about, and at the same time, it will send a message as to what is happening in society. It is a topic that people shouldn't ignore."

What is the kind of impact Prerna believes *Sold* will create? "This was a script written by my friend, and it is a totally universal subject. For this film, we did a lot of research. We even tied up with Bosco. All this will have an impact when we bring the film on such a wide medium like cinema," says Prerna, adding, "This is a fictional story but a lot of elements are brought out to showcase the reality of what is happening."

What is the sensitivity that being a woman brings to a topic like this? "There are of course very few female directors, and not all of them are considered seriously. A lot still believe women should only be in front of the camera. This film had mostly women part of the project, and it was a good experience. I would love more women to come forward and take up such roles. We should be able to have a voice," says Prerna.

Prerna Agarwal and team

Prerna had filmmaking aspirations right from her school years. She then went to New York Film Academy, and learned scriptwriting. "Short films were my initial interest. But then, my goal was to write a script. There are a lot more things happening too," she says about her future plans.

Talking about the film, Prerna says, "There is one setting of a kidnap in the film, and *Sold* is about how that impacts the life of a lot of people around the issue." She adds, "Everybody aims to go big, and I'm glad to hear that everybody is talking about Sandalwood, and I'm happy to be entering the industry at the right time," she signs off.

A still from the film

WILL VIJAY KUMAR HELM *VK28*?

The title and other details of the film will be revealed on March 1

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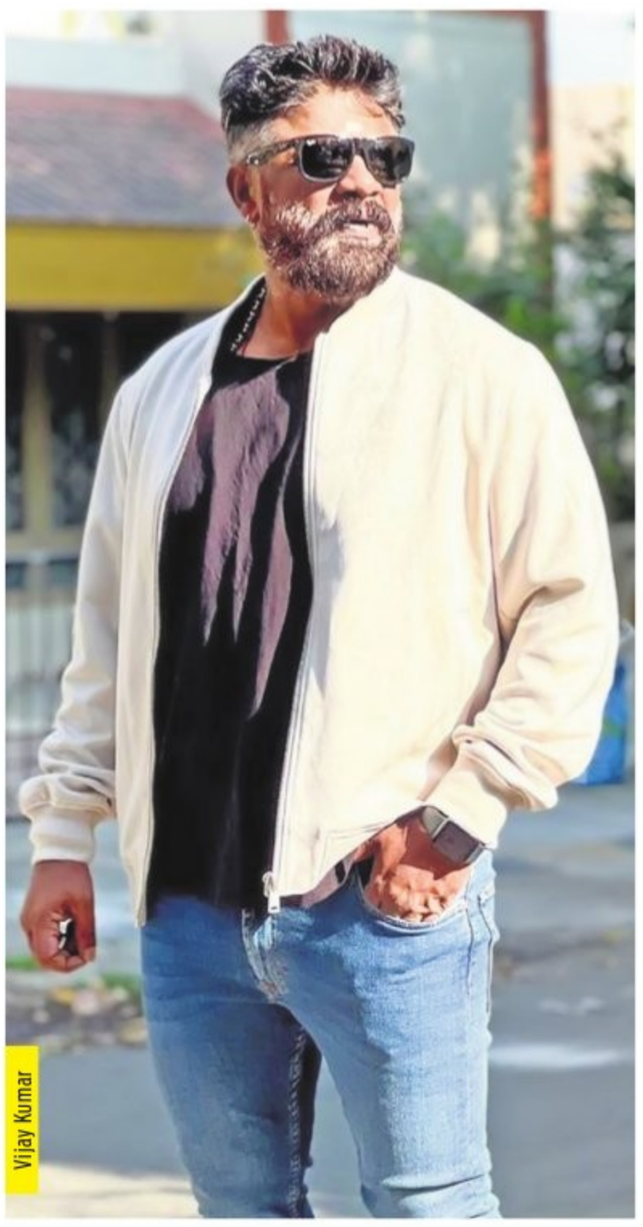
VIJAY Kumar, popularly known as Sandalwood Salaga, is gearing up for his next project. The film, temporarily called *VK28*, will bring together the actor-director and *Bairagee* producer Krishna Sarthak and Jagadeesh Gowda.

The yet-to-be-titled film is based on a real-life incident. Whether or not the film will be helmed by Vijay Kumar will be announced on March 1 - on the occasion of Shivaratri. Vijay, popularly known as Duniya Vijay and Sandalwood Salaga, is also making his debut in Telugu. He plays the antagonist in Nandamuri Balakrishna's upcoming film, directed by Gopichandh Malineni.



Vijay Kumar

Shruti Haasan tests positive for Covid

CE FEATURES

TAKING to Instagram to make the announcement, Shruti Haasan said, "Hi everyone, A quick not so fun update. Despite all safety measures, I have tested positive for Covid. I'm on the mend and can't wait to be back very soon. Thank you and see you soon lovelies."

Shruti was most recently seen in the Amazon Prime Video web series Bestseller. The actress had, in an interview to *IANS* earlier this year, confessed that the biggest challenge while working on this series, was working during Covid. She had said, "For me, honestly it was working during Covid. We were shooting it in 2021 and for me, the challenge during the last two years has been forgetting Covid and also not forgetting Covid while we work."

Kangana's *Lock Upp* runs into trouble after stay order

CE FEATURES

THE reality show *Lock Upp* hosted by Kangana Ranaut, which was set to be aired from Sunday, has been put on hold by the City Civil Court of Hyderabad. As a result, the show will not air on any form of electronic or social media.

After taking note of a video clip of the trailer of the show, the court issued an ad-interim injunction on releasing the upcoming show, saying that it bears resemblance to petitioner Sanober Baig's story and the script of the concept *The Jail*. The concept, which is owned by Pride Media through its proprietor Sanober Baig, was written by Shantanu Ray and Sheershak Anand and is registered under the Copyright Act on March 7, 2018, and was also registered at the Film Writers Association.

The petition explains how the concept was developed and also lists the details of the money invested by him at various stages of concept development. Commenting on the situation, Sanober said, "When I saw the promo of the said show, I was in shock. I have been in touch with Abhishek Rege from Endemol Shine for a long time and had several meetings about the subject in Hyderabad. He had promised that once the market gets better, we will get going."

He further mentioned that the show is outrightly plagiarised, saying: "The show is not only similar to our concept, but it is an absolute copy of the same. I could not believe that somebody could plagiarise the concept to such an extent. We have prayed to the court for infringement of copyright and have got a stay order."

If the legal representatives of the petitioner are successful in proving infringement, the defendant production house (Ekta Kapoor's AltBalaji) will be liable for consequences under Sections 51 and 52 of the Copyright Act. It's not that Sanober directly knocked on the court's door. It was only after the production house refused to have a dialogue with him that Sanober reached out to the court.

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CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KHUSHBOO Residing at No. 45,Mico Layout, Near SBI Hongasandra, Begur Main road, Bangalore-560068,karnataka, India, shall hence forthbe known as **KHUSHBOO UDAY MISHRA**, vide affidavit dated 25.02.2022, before Notary A.S Narayana Reddy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO 16123477Y NK HANAMANTA RAMAPPA BHANJANTRI of unit RECORDS, MEG & CENTRE, BANGALORE 560042, Have changed My Name from **HANAMANTA RAMAPPA BHANJANTRI** to **HANAMANTA RAMAPPA BHAJANTRI** Vide Affidavit Dated 09.02.2022 sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DEVARAJU, residing at No. 169, 7th Cross, Maruthinagar, Ittumadu, BSK 3rd Stage, Hoskerehalli, Bengaluru-560 085 have changed my daughter's name as **Miss. D. VIBHA**, vide affidavit dated 23-2-2022, sworn before Notary **Mrs. Fahim Unnissa** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mrs. JAYASHREE NAGARAJA NAIDU** D/o. M Nagaraja Naidu, resident of No. D-605, Charted Beverly Hills, Gubbalala, Bangalore-560 061, hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **P. VARNIKA (PERRUMALLA VARNIKA)** to **VARNIKA NAGARAJA NAIDU** vide affidavit dated 26.02.2022 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Sri Vikram Kumar Javerilal,** S/o. Sri Javerilal, aged about 46 years, R/at. Flat No. H204, ETA Garden, No. 9, K.P. Agrahara, Magadi Road, Bengaluru - 560023, hereby declare that my name has been shown in passport as **Vikram Kumar Javerilal** and in the Aadhar Card it is shown as **Vikram Kumar .J** and in the pan card it is shown as **Vikram Kumar Javerilal** and I state that in my daughter passport her name is shown as **Vibha Pomani D/o. Vikram Kumar Pomani** whereas **'Pomani'** is our surname and **Javerilal** is my father name, and all so called as **Vikram Kumar Pomani,** vide affidavit dated 25.02.2022, sworn to before S. Jayanna, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I Sri Magaram, aged 58 years, S/o. Late Gheesaram residing at No 17, 1st Cross, Dobbespet, Vasanthanagar, Bangalore 560052, I have changed my names from **Magaram, Magaram G, Magaraj G, G Magaraj, G Maghraj and Maghraj** to **Magaram Gheesaram @ Magaraj Gheesaram.** Also, My father's name is Gheesaram but the people respectfully call him as Gheesaramji also. Both the said names Gheesaram, and Gheesaramji are one and the same belong to my father. Vide affidavit dated 24-2-2022, Sworn before Advocate & Notary K.V.Bachi Reddy.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MARIAM FATHIMA, Residing at No. 4/1, 1st floor, 9th A Cross, Jayanagar 1st Block, Someshwara Nagar, Bangalore-560011 have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MARIAM FATHIMA** to **(NEW NAME) MARIAM FATHIMA ALI** vide affidavit date 26.02.2022 sworn before Notary L. Gopalakrishna, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAZIA SARWAT**, D/o Mansoor, residing at No.3/1, 'A' Street, Nanjappa Circle, Shanthinagar, Bangalore-560027. I have changed My name from **Nusaiba Afsheen to NAZIA SARWAT.** Vide Affidavit dated 25-02-2022, sworn before Notary B.S.Padma Prasad.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VANDANA VISWANATHAN**, Resident at D-401, Spectra Cypress, Varthur Main Road, Near Kundalahalli Gate, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560 066, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VANDANA ANANTHARAMAN** to **VANDANA VISWANATHAN** vide affidavit dated 22.02.2022 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAYASHREE NAGARAJA NAIDU** Aged about 29 years D/o. M Nagaraja Naidu, Permanent resident of No. D-605, Charted Beverly Hills, Gubbalala, Bangalore - 560 061, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **JAYASHREE** to **JAYASHREE NAGARAJA NAIDU** vide affidavit dated 26.02.2022 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PUSHP LATA SHARAN** spouse of Sadhu Sharan resident of SMQ-P- 605/6, 7th Camp Air Force Station Jalahalli East, Bangalore-560014 have changed my name from **PUSHP LATA SHARAN** to **PUSHPALATA SHARAN,** vide Affidavit Dated 23-02-2022 Before Advocate and Notary **S PRAKASH**, Reg No. 7865/09 Bangalore Karnataka.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANJUNATHA G.N.**, aged 54 years, S/o. Nagaraj G.V. residing at Flat No. 307, Royal Green Wood Apartments, 7th Main Road, Subash Nagar, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru-560060, have changed my name to **MANJUNATH G.N.** vide affidavit dated: 26-02-2022 sworn before Notary **B.A. Lakshminarayana Rao,** Bengaluru.

DECLARATION
I Miss Grace Sapru aged about 22 years D/o L.Hekhini Peter Sapru, R/A-348, Diezephe village, Singrijan, District, Dimapur, Nagaland-797112. My name has been entered in some Of my documents as **H.Kazhüphro Grace Saprü, Kazhüphro Grace Saprü.H, H.Kazhuphro Grace Sapru** and Hence I am declaring all the names mentioned above is the same person as one. It should be read & understood as **Grace Sapru.** Same has been Sworn before notary A.S.Narayana Reddy on 25.2.2022

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHINY PREMAN THIRUKULAM** W/o Mr. Tintulal Sasi, residing at No.72/2B, 27, Jaraganahalli, J.P. Nagar Post, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560078, have changed my name as **SHINY PREMAN** vide affidavit dated 26-02-2022 before Notary Public **ARAVIND PATIL G.G.,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANRYN ANTHONY**, Aged about 18 years, D/o K ANTHONY SIMON, Permanent resident of No. 52172, Prestige Falcon City, Konanakunte Cross, Near Konanakunte Cross Metro Station, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore-560 062, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ANRYN** to **ANRYN ANTHONY** vide affidavit dated 26.02.2022 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUMAN KUMAR** resident of P-249/6, 7th Camp, Air Force Station Jalahalli East, Bangalore 560014, have changed my son's name from **ARYAN** to **ARYAN DHAIRYA,** vide Affidavit Dated 26-02-2022 Before Advocate and Notary **S PRAKASH**, Reg No. 7865/09 Bangalore Karnataka.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHAREENA S.**, W/o. Eldho P. Paul, Resident of No. 139/A, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Best County-2, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru-560 097, have changed my name from **SHAREENA S.** to **SHAREENA ELDHO,** by virtue of my marriage to Eldho P. Paul, vide affidavit dated:26/02/2022, Sworn to before Notary Public, G.R. Ravichandra Reddy, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VARSHA PRASAN KUMAR**, aged about **29 years, W/o. Kunal G Makana, residing at No.219/220, 11th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru - 560 027** have changed my name to **VARSHA KUNAL MAKANA** Vide affidavit dated 26-02-2022 sworn before Advocate & Notary Prakasha .C, Bengaluru

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mrs. RHEA RAJESHWAR PATIL** daughter of Mr. Anil Virupax Bagi and Wife of Mr. Rajeshwar Vishwanath Patil, aged about 42 years, Residing at U.S.A. 47061, Benns Ter, Fremont, CA 94539. Also at No. 18, S2, Sai Veersaro Enclave, 3rd Cross, 2nd Stage, MSH Layout, Anandnagar, Bangalore-560 024, Karnataka, hereby declare that **Supriya Anil Bagi** (maiden name) and **RHEA RAJESHWAR PATIL** (present name) is the name of one and the same person and that is my self. Vide affidavit dated 24.02.2022 sworn to before K.C. Chowde Gowda, Advocate & Govt. of India Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Y T PRAMELA**, Aged about 49 years, W/o. Arun K, Permanent resident of No. 25/1, 8th Cross, 24th Main Road, HSR Layout Sector-1, Bangalore-560 102, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRAMILA Y T** to **Y T PRAMELA** vide affidavit dated 26.02.2022 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MYSORE GOPALAKRISHNA VIDYA**, W/o Late Sri Mysore Srinivas Rao Gopalakrishna, age 58 years, R/at No. 307, "Comfort Arizona Apartments' Jaraganahalli, Kanakapura Main Road, Behind Yelchenahalli Post Office, JP Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore-78 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **N. VIDYA @ N. VIDHYA** to **MYSORE GOPALAKRISHNA VIDYA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MYSORE GOPALAKRISHNA VIDYA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 25-2-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.G. SRIRAM** at Bangalore.

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